

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 2016

9:00 am

(*) Please Stand as Able

Bold Print - Please Say In Unison

Today's scripture readings speak of the power of honest human speech, heard and answered by a God who delivers us from burden and bondage to freedom and possibility. These readings testify that even before we speak, God waits on us, listens for us, plans for us, and reaches out to us most compellingly in Jesus Christ. Our texts instruct us to speak our deepest failings and fears, for to be silent, to hold everything within, is to waste away. When we speak boldly and honestly, we hear God's glad cry: "Quickly, bring out a robe!"

WELCOME -Please sign the Pew Pad & pass it to the next person

PRELUDE

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche, arr. Jim Lucas

Nancy Dickinson, Organist/Keyboard

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 32)**

L: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

P: Happy are those to whom God attributes no wrong, those in whose heart there is no deceit.

L: When we keep silent about our wrongdoings, our lives disintegrate with worry and guilt;

P: when we struggle to hide from God, the heaviness in our hearts consume our strength.

L: But when we seek your truth, O God, and acknowledge our sin, we experience your forgiveness.

P: Let all people reach out to you in prayer, O God, and know your protection and strength.

L: Surrounded by your grace-filled presence and filled with your undeserved forgiveness, we sing your praise; we shout for joy.

P: Stubbornness melts away and tempers are controlled when we listen for God's word and follow God's direction for our lives.

L: When we fail to listen, and persist in following other than God's way, our hearts are hardened and our lives tormented.

P: But when we put our trust in God, we are surrounded and filled with God's steadfast love. Rejoice and shout for joy all those who are upright in heart.

***HYMN**

Amazing Grace

UMH #378

***OPENING PRAYER**

How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE/ TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

READING FROM THE LETTERS OF PAUL 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

CALL TO CONFESSION

In trust, let us call upon God's holy name, confess our sin, And receive forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith. Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction. Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love. Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith. Forgive us, holy maker of reality. Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. (based on 2 Cor 5: 17) Friends, believe the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Luke 15:1-32

MESSAGE

HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

UMH #348

OFFERTORY

The Trees of the Field, Stuart Dauermann

***Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" UMH # 95

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH #9

HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

UMH #399

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

Thy Word, Michael W. Smith, arr. John Carter

Please remain seated until the Postlude has ended.

Our Mission is:
"To Make Christ Known"

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people. Our Church is a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here! Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder) located at the end of the pew along the center aisle. Our Worship Services are 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday and 6:00 PM Wednesday Night in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck supper at 5:30 PM.

CHILD CARE

Children's Church is celebrated at the 9:00 AM Service. Children from pre-school through 3rd Grade attend the beginning of Service than leave with Barb Gausman after the Prayers of the People and Time with the Children. Younger and older Children are encouraged to sit in Worship with their family. There are cloth bags in the back of the sanctuary with crayons and activities and also a basket of small toys for your child to use if they remain in the Sanctuary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kid's Club, Christian Education for Children, Kindergarten through 6th Grade, takes place on Wednesday Nights from 6-7 during the school year in Classroom 203. A Pre-school class is also available in the Nursery across the Hall from the Kid's Club Room.

COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Prodigal Son and His Brother



9:00 AM Worship Service

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