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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 27, 2022



C.J. Briggs, Music Director  
Julie Lehmann, Secretary

Nancy Bair, Liturgist  
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*Before the search can begin, we need to notice what, or who, is not there.*

*~ Amy-Jill Levine, Short Stories by Jesus*

~ **GATHERING** ~

**WELCOME, PRAYER, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*John 3:14*)

The Lord of life is lifted up! **Let us look to Christ and live.**

**PRELUDE** JESUS PAID IT ALL / O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

Arr. by Brant Adams, Performed by C.J. Briggs, ft. Joe Stern

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

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress,  
the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

Come, let us worship God!

**HYMN**

A WOMAN AND A COIN

GTG #173

Text by Jaroslav J. Vajda; Music by Fred Kimball Graham (LIFE RESTORED)

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**All: May God be with you there.** Kids: May God be with you here.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, we know that we are your good creation; made in your image and called to reflect your goodness. In Jesus Christ, you redeemed our brokenness and brought us into right relationship with you. And yet, despite our best efforts, and sometimes due to our worst efforts, we have sinned. Our sin leaves us feeling alienated and distant from what we love. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us back to wholeness, that we might witness to joy, for the sake of our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen. [Silent Confession]**

**\*RESPONSE**

LAMB OF GOD

GTG #602

by Yusuf Khill

YA HAMALALLAH

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the promise of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**INSTRUMENTAL**

LAMB OF GOD

GTG #602

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

NRSV

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

WAYFARING STRANGER

Chorale by Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); Arr. by C.J. Briggs

**GOSPEL LESSON**

LUKE 15:1-10

NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

THE LOST ONES

Rev. Wigger

**RESPONSE**

AMEN

GTG #601

Anon. Danish

~ ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD*** ~

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from The Heidelberg Catechism*)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## \*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### \*RESPONSE

LORD, PREPARE ME  
by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

GTG #701  
SANCTUARY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

~ *SENDING* ~

### HYMN

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

GTG #TBD

Text by Charlotte Elliott; Music by William Batchelder Bradbury (WOODWORTH)

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE



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Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Connections*, David Gambrell, ed.; *Call to Worship, Lectionary Aids*; *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri Ott.

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***Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Room.***