

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 30, 2025

“Bloom Where You Are Planted”

Introit **Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary** (More Voices 18)

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving.
I'll be a living sanctuary for you. *Repeat*

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Music **My Faith Has Found a Resting Place** *a Norwegian Folk Melody, arranged by David Hamilton*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn **We Are One** (VU 402, vs. 1, 2 & 4)

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1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.

2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Anthem **Who Will Keep God's Lambs**
Largo, Symphony No. 9 by Antonio Dvorak, arranged by Greg Gilpin

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Reflection “The Imperfections of Life and Faith”
(Bloom Where You Are Planted)

Hymn of the Day **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound** (Voices United 266, Vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

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1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
* that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Invitation to Offering

Offering Response **Here I Am, Lord** (Voices United 509)

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Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **Your Love Is Amazing** (More Voices 26)

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1. Your love is amazing, steady, and unchanging,
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a myst'ry, how you gently lift me.
When I am surrounded, your love carries me.

Refrain Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
your love makes me sing.

2. Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising,
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me.
Ev'ry time I see you all your goodness shines through.
I can feel this God song rising up in me. *Refrain*

3. Your love is amazing, steady, and unchanging,
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a myst'ry, how you gently lift me.
When I am surrounded, your love carries me. *Refrain*

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction **May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You**

Meredith Wilson

Arranged by Thomas Gail Haws 2021

May the Good Lord bless and keep you,
whether near or far away.
May you find that long-awaited
golden day today.
May your troubles all be small ones,
and your fortune ten times ten.
May the Good Lord bless and keep you 'til we meet again.

May you walk with sunlight shining,
and a bluebird in ev'ry tree.
May there be a silver lining
back of ev'ry cloud you see.
Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows;
never mind what might have been.
May the Good Lord bless and keep you 'til we meet again.

Postlude Gigue

by G.P. Telemann, Freely arranged by Carl Simone

Worship Leader – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins, Glenn Parsons
Greeters – Erich and Ruth Schulz
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Spirit Kids
Prayer of Confession – Margaret Chambers
Spirit Kids Program – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis
Scripture Reader – Joan Young
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Lynn Dennis
Technical Support – Louise Johnston and Ron Norman
Fellowship Time – Caring Ministry
Flowers are offered by Moira Dennis
in celebration of the life of her mother, Mary.