

Fourth
Sunday
in Lent



Unison Prayer of Confession

We admit, waiting God, how we have sinned against you. We treat others as strangers, not as our brothers and sisters. Like the elder son, we become green-eyed with jealousy, when you throw your arms around those who are different from us. We are quick to see the faults of others, but do not recognize our own brokenness. We are not . . .

You interrupt our confession, tender God, to run and embrace us. There are no limitations on your love, there is nothing you will not give to us. You fill us with your compassion, and treat us as you do your own Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God rolls away everything that stands in our way - our past, our sin, our pain, our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace. We are forgiven!

People: **Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled with songs of gladness. We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy. Amen.**

***Response of Praise**

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer Response

O Lord hear our prayer, O Lord hear our prayer, when we call answer us.

O Lord hear our prayer, O Lord hear our prayer, come and listen to us.

Anthem

"Because He Lives"

Children's Time and the Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“The Prodigal”

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 387**

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Beautiful Savior”

***Response of Praise**

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Generous God, help us to give as freely of our finances, our time, and our talent as you give of your love for us and all of humanity. Please accept these offerings as part of our praise for you and the abundant wealth you provide us in our relationships. Help us continually seek ways to glorify you with all that we have been given. Amen.

***Hymn No. 404**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

***Benediction**

and Response

***Postlude**

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**We invite you to stay for fellowship in the
Family Room following worship.**