

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Lent 2019

## THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Voluntary on *Slane*" setting, J. A. Behnke

\* Call to Worship

One: Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

One: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

\* Opening Hymn #298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Gracious God, seeker of the lost: draw your children back to your loving embrace, restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons, and reconcile our hearts to you, that we may become ambassadors of your reconciling love to all the world. Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

One: Trusting the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to you love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: As a parent welcomes a wayward child, so God embraces all who return in true repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\* Response #581

Gloria Patri

\* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. (*Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ*)

\* Hymn #487

"These Treasured Children"

vs. #3

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Meggan Farwell

All: You're beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and bodies to the re-creating power of your Word, that we may see the world through the mind of Christ and live in the world as a foretaste of your new creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 32

Pew Bible – OT p.506

Second Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Pew Bible – NT p.78

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Handbell Anthem

"I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

arr. Tammy Waldrop

Third Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Pew Bible – NT p.181

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Action Through Education"

Rev. Dr. Luke Farwell

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, pg. 35

\* Hymn #458

"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

1. Father, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you.

2. Jesus, I adore you... 3. Spirit, I adore you...

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\* Please stand as you are able

**Bold type** indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.

## Offering

Musical Offertory "Larghetto" J. W. Franck/ D. N. Johnson

\* Doxology #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## THE SENDING OUT

\* Closing Hymn #487 "These Treasured Children"

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Postlude "Voluntary in A minor" H. Purcell/ L. Smith



*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you  
in the prayer room if needed.*

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Our beautiful chancel flowers this morning are given by Judy England.

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### Assisting in Worship This Morning

**Greeters:** Lindow Family

**Liturgist:** Alex Foeller

**Acolytes:** Alexis Bivins & Mackay Campbell

**Ushers:** Tom, Eric, Debbie & Lizzie Renier

**Organist:** Julie Mackey

**Handbell Director:** Ted Huebbe

**Elder of the Month:** Brian Lindow

**Deacons of the Month:** Lou Seiler & Dan Hamersky

**Tech Crew:** Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks & Joe Williams

**Fellowship:** Kathy & Troy Gutzman

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