Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016

PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor
CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS
OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
CALL TO WORSHIP from Romans 8:38-39
Pastor: For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
People: Nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,
Pastor: Nor powers nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation—
People: Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.
Pastor: There is nothing we can do, no place we can hide, where God will forget us.
People: God loves us, God forgives us, God calls us by name.
All: Let us worship our God who seeks us, finds us, and loves us! Amen.
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "God Is So Good" p. 23Congregation
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21Alisa Beard
From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once
knew Christ from a human point of view ¹ we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is
in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become
new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the
ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not
counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So
we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on
behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" vs. 1 and 2
CHILDREN'S MESSAGEBrandi Powers
PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rebecca Blake

Response: Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER	Pastor
OFFERTORY HYMN "Love Lifted Me" vs. 1 and 2	
OFFERTORY PRAYER	Usher
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Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of

them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them.¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with¹ the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one-and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

ANTHEM "Lead Me Back"	Choir
SERMON Becoming the Father	Pastor
CLOSING HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" vs. 1 and 3	502
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	

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CALENDAR

TODAY	
4:00 p.m.	
4:30 p.m.	
5:30 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY	
6:00 p.m	COVERED DISH
6:45 p.m	Lenten Study

CHILDREN'S CHURCH				
TODAY	Tina Cripps			
NEXT SUNDAY	Alisa Beard			
USHERS				
TODAY	Nancy Ruppert's Team			
NEXT SUNDAY	Dwight Saunders' Team			

PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Rachel McCaskill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Rodney Loflin, Melissa Nelson, Florence Cagle, Jane Covington, Vera McAlister, Molly Abbott` <i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner		Reggie Jackson Mary James Butch/Nancy Jenkins Candy Loflin	Marian Jackson Benny McBride Bob & Sue Moore Andy Spivey Sylvia Long Amy Wilson Cristie Thomas Goldie Loflin	mother friend niece/ husband son-in-law friend friend friend
Friends and Relati Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins Juanita King Tony Lawson Toni Atcheson Cassie Jenkins Martha Garner Sister	Mabel Ann Luther Max/Jane Luquire Harold Lynthacum Barbara Lynthacum	Beth Holt Wanda Pierce Ray Barrett Jo Brooks Iris Luquire Verna Hancock J.D. Thompson Charles Thompson Melissa Green	daughter brother-in-law friend sister-in-law friend nephew nephew daughter
John Beard Dave/Barb Buckland Jane Covington Tina Cripps	Tammy LapradesisterAudrey Grace BryanfriendPat Jonesbrother-in-lawRetha BrooksSue Ann's motherFayesisterPete Thomasbrother-in-lawLee Kasikgrandson-in-lawLee HurleycousinWes Keyuncle	Jean Maness Janet Maness Sylvia McAlister Rachel McCaskill Pat/Bob Morgan Jeff Robinson	Helen Mabe Carol Luther Polly King Virginia Long Tammy Parker Marsha Norris Kay Rush Jesse Wallace June Spears	aunt friend friend friend grand-daughter daughter friend friend
Tim and Tammy Dunn Betty Green Paul/Thelma Hussey	Shelly HawthornefriendTodd ReecefriendScott ReecefriendLynn SaunderscousinTom Nelsonbrother-in-lawJanie RumblysisterMeryl Johnsonsister-in-lawMildred HunsuckerfriendHarold Johnsonbrother	Nancy Ruppert Service Personne. Devin Hurley, Mark Christian Rush, Seth Stuart	Contraction Contractic Co	friend sister Caskill, Vallace, Chris

Deacon of the Month ... Barbara Smith