

4th Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Sarah Soloman, clarinet

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

People: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

People: AMEN!

*Hymn #383 (vss. 1-4)

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Opening Prayer

How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading – Joshua 5:9-12

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Psalter – Psalm 32

Hymnal, Page 766

*Gloria Patri #70

Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn #339

Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast

*Gospel Reading – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Message

Sermon – “Prodigal Mercy”

Pastor Alan

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Offering & Offertory

I'll Walk with God

Brodzsky

Mary Frances Bukva & Susan Hrbek, soloists

*Doxology (UMH #95)

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

*The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

*The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn #378 (vss. 1-3)

Amazing Grace

*Benediction

*Postlude

**For those who are able, please stand*