SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude & Welcome

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: ...for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 107:1)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

Congregation: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Pastor: My friends, receive good news - God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. (*Ezekiel 37.14*) All your sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Congregation: Amen

Gathering Song - Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW #807)

Apostolic Greeting

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Kyrie - O Christ, Our Hope (ELW #604; vs 1, 4)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you,

Pastor: Let us pray...

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy.

By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

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Children's Message

First Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel Acclamation - Ancient Words (MW Smith)

Gospel - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Message - Pastor Jeff Frohner

Hymn of the Day - Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (ELW #608)

Apostles' Creed | Prayers of the People

Pastor: Lord in your mercy... Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace | Thanksgiving for Offerings

Holy Communion | Words of Institution | Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you now and for life everlasting.

Congregation: Amen

Communion Canticle - Change My Heart, O God (ELW #801)

Announcements | Council Installation | Farewell Nick | Benediction

Sending Song - What Wondrous Love Is This (ELW #666)

Postlude

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY!

Worship Team: Pastor Jeff Frohner, Pastor Nate Montover Cantor: Jen Schaldecker | Organ: Nick Bushkofsky Greeters: Barb Proksa, Diane Aarni | Ushers: Mike Dryden, Jim Dettbarn Communion Servers: Janet Dettbarn, Diane Aarni | Comm. Set-up: Marcia Edwards Tech Team: Wes, Kara, Erik Lovseth | Nursery: Jenni Ringwald Café Hosts: Mary Jo & Roger Carlson | Donut Runners: Eric & Jenn Schulz Counters: Alan Garlow, Luann Byerly, Evelyn Beck

WORSHIP GUIDE

Gathering Song "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer:

"Hither by thy help I've come;"
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Kyrie"O CHRIST, OUR HOPE"

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire creation's mighty Lord, redeemer of the fallen world, by holy love outpoured, by holy love outpoured:

Oh, let your mighty love prevail to purge us of our pride, that we may stand before your throne by mercy purified, by mercy purified.

Gospel Acclamation "ANCIENT WORDS"

Ancient words ever true Changing me, and changing you. We have come with open hearts Oh let the ancient words impart.



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Hymn of the Day "SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING"

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

chorus:

"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?

~ chorus ~

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

~ chorus ~

Communion Canticle "CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD"

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Sending Song "WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing.

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.