



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

Words of Welcome

FOR CONTEMPLATION

The Good Shepherd

Jesus said, "Who among you wouldn't leave the 99?
Who among you wouldn't look for the one?"
Someone in the crowd probably rolled their eyes.
Someone squirmed and looked at their palms.
Someone sighed and thought to themselves,
"This man doesn't understand the business.
What fool would leave 99 to look for one?"
But maybe God was not talking about us.
Maybe God was talking about
her own reckless love.
Maybe God was talking about
her own willingness
to turn the world upside down
for me.

PRELUDE "Ständchen"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

INTROIT "God is Here Today"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is a shepherding God.

Our God knows us by name.

Our God will never stop searching for us. So, if you feel lost,

Then know that God is seeking you.

If you feel found,

Then know that God will never leave you.

This is the promise of scripture.

This is the promise of God's love.

Let us worship our God-with-us God.

* HYMN “Lost and Found”

Lost and Found

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Music by B.F. White, 1844



In the flock I am sur - roun - ded by my sib - lings
The ho - ri - zon starts to brigh - ten as I quiet - ly
As I wan - der down the quar - ry a fa - mi - liar



and my friends Safe at home and feel - ing groun - ded with my
slip a - way I can feel my spi - rit ligh - ten with each
voice cries out It's my shep - herd search - ing for me; reck - less



shep - herd to de - fend But an ach - ing, long - ing feel - ing
cau - tious step I take Un - fa - mil - iar paths un - fold - ing
love has tracked me down Though I left my place of re - fuge,



as the stars shine late at night Draws me in, my dreams
as ex - cite - ment blends with fear All cre - a - tion now
he has fol - lowed all a - long But I had to lose



re - veal - ing and I know I'm not quite right
en - folds me like the flock I hold so dear
my - self to find my - self where I be - long

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a seeking God, a with-us and before-us God, a chasing-after-us God.

We believe that no matter where we wander or what mountains we climb, this God - the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem, shook hands with lepers, patted children on the head, and told stories of love - THIS God is always close at hand.

So on the good days and the hard days, on the mountains and in the valleys, we believe that we are always being found.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (3 times)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

In the Lord I will rejoice.

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices the Lord is near,

Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If God is a painter,

Let us be the brush.

If God is a musician,

Let us be the song.

If God is an architect,

Let us be the tools. Let us be the hands. Let us be the builders.

But if God is a shepherd, who never stops seeking,

Let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we feel.

Our God is never too far away.

Lord, forgive us when we forget this good news. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Come and Fill Our Hearts" (3 times)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace,

Alleluia!

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

No matter how far we wander, we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace.

We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah Huie

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM “Reckless Love”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Luke 15:1-7

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

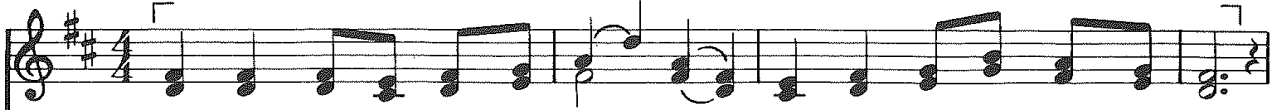
This is the Word of The Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Everything (In) Between – Lost and Found”


*HYMN 522 "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

522 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

He goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him . . . Jn. 10:4




1. Sav - ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2. We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;



in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre -
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a -
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms



pare: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we
 stray: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we
 free: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to
 fill: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us



are; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 pray; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray.
 thee; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee.
 still; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

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BENEDICTION

*THE IRISH BLESSING

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, and until we meet again,
May the God who loves us all
Hold you in the palm of His hand.
Amen.*

POSTLUDE “Near the Cross”

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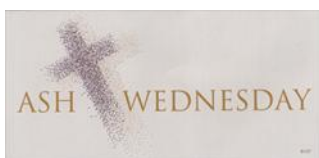
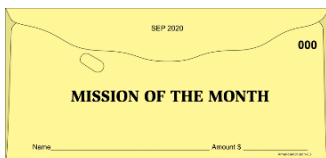
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