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Fourth Sunday of Lent | March 30th 2025

\*Please stand as you are able

**Welcome and Announcements**

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude**  Siciliano J.S. Bach

\*Call to Worship

One: We come to the crossroads where comfort meets conviction,  
**All:** **And the narrow door invites us to walk the way of Christ.**  
One: Jesus goes ahead of us—undaunted by power, unwavering in love.  
**All:** **In the face of fear, Christ brings healing. In the face of resistance, Jesus brings grace.**  
One: Let us follow him with courage, worshiping with all our hearts.  
**All: For the door is narrow, but its way of life is wide.**

\***Hymn of Praise** 98 *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

**REFRAIN**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

**REFRAIN**

3. Great things he hath taught us,

great things he hath done,

and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

**REFRAIN**

Opening Prayer

**God of the journey and the threshold, You call us to walk the road that leads to life — to let go of what is easy, and step into what is true.  Meet us here in this moment.  Challenge what needs to be changed, heal what needs to be restored, and open our hearts to your kingdom among us.  Through Christ, who walks beside us, Amen.**

Scripture Reading Psalm 32

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
**Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity  
    and in whose spirit there is no deceit**.

When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.  
**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
    my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer**.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
    and I did not hide my iniquity;  
**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”  
    and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all who are godly  
    offer prayer to you;  
**at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
    shall not reach them.**  
You are a hiding place for me;  
    you preserve me from trouble;  
    you encompass me with deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
    I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**Do not be like an unruly horse or a mule, without understanding,  
    whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
    else it will not stay near you.

**Many are the pangs of the wicked,  
    but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,

O righteous,  
     **shout for joy, all you upright in heart**.

Music of Preparation *Forsaken*

Dan Forrest

Isabel Burgos de-Stephanis, cello

Kelsey Osburn, violin

The Chancel Choir

**Gospel Reading Luke 13:22-35**

**Sermon** The cross road and the narrow door Pastor Beth

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know you long to gather us as a mother hen gathers her chicks.  But so often we hide from you.  We choose the easy road— the path of least resistance, the way that demands the least from us.  We resist the narrow door when it calls us to change, to repent, to grow.  We cling to comfort, ignore injustice, and hope the work of your kingdom will be done by someone else.  Forgive us.  Give us the courage to follow Christ, even when the road is steep, the way is hard, and we fear what might be lost.  Shape our lives by your love, and lead us into your grace.  Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

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. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Prelude (from Suite 5)* J.S. Bach

Isabel Aurora Burgos-

DeStephanis, cello

\*Doxology *A Lenten Doxology*

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Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spirit who imparts

God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

\*Offertory Prayer

**\*Sending** 356 *When We Are Living* *(Pues Si Vivimos)*

SOMOS DEL SENOR

1. When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

2. Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.

3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.

4. Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them,

we belong to God, we belong to God.

we belong to God, we belong to God.

\*Benediction

Go now, travelers on the road with Christ!

May the path rise up to meet our feet,

May wisdom keep us from retreat.

May love’s compass point the way,

And hope sustain us day by day.

Along the cross roads, let the blessings we find Remind us of God’s promise to be with us always. Amen

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in C Major* BWV 553 J.S. Bach

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