

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF**

**LENT**



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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

## Welcome

### Announcements

*Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.*

### Prelude

#### **Prayer of Preparation** (for your personal use, during Prelude)

*Gracious God, our refuge and stronghold, the God in whom we put our trust; guide your people through our Lenten wilderness, have mercy on us and answer us as we call. Amen.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### **\*Call to Worship – From Psalm 32**

**L:** Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!

**P:** **Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!**

**L:** When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long.

**P:** **Day and night, your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.**

**L:** Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.”

**P:** **And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.**

**L:** Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgement.

**P:** **For you are my hiding place, you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory.**

### **\*Hymn**

**“At Calvary”**

**RED #286**

*(Years I Spent in Vanity and Pride)*

### **Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord God, thank you for bringing us back to you within the fold of your kingdom We are humbled and grateful beyond words to be your children, saved by grace! We thank you for your mercy, when we fall short of our calling to be agents of your Reconciliation for communities, for families for a nation, and for a world that needs this so badly. We ask that your Spirit will work on our hearts and minds, so that we might be less interested in self-preservation or individual comforts, and more interested in opening ourselves up to new ways to serve and connect with those for whom Christ died. Thank you for calling us to this work. Amen.**

*(Time of silence for personal reflection)*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **The Peace**

**L: Peace be with you.**

**P: And also with you.**

**\*Gloria Patri      “Glory Be to the Father”      PH #579**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Time with Young Disciples**

**New Testament Reading      2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

**Sermon Text/Gospel Reading      Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

**Sermon      “Coming Home!”      Pastor Ryan**

**\*Hymn      “Jesus is Tenderly Calling You Home”      RED #272**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith – Adapted From Romans 8**

**“We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to**

**come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen.**

**Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer**

**L:** God of Mercy,

**P:** hear our prayer.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering**

Offertory

**\*Doxology**

**PH #591**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD  
INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn**      *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”*      **RED #317**

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Worship Leader:                  Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher:                  John Godbey

Liturgist:                          Rodney Davis

Pianist/Organist:                Bethany Edgecombe

**\*Please stand, if able**              CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

\*Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and Prayer of Illumination written by Pastor Ryan. Silent prayer from online ministries.