

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025 10:30am



GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME Kelly Couch

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP1

Alicia Villanueva

God's reach is endless.

God's mercy is unstoppable.

God's grace is lavish.

God's love is constant.

God's wisdom is vast.

God's hope is stubborn.

God's presence is here—

with us, among us, moving through us.

Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

We are in God's house.

Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses printed in bold.

¹ *You are invited to stand.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. It sounds like ours. And we know his story. It sounds like ours. For who among us hasn't burned a bridge? Who among us hasn't forgotten that we belong to one another? Who among us has not ached for home? The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. Forgive us God. We want to come home.

Assurance of Pardon

Spoken Response

Thanks be to God, amen.

*Sung Response

To God Be the Glory

No. 634

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

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 through Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory: great things he has done!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Following the Sharing of the Peace of Christ, children are invited to come forward and sit on the front row of chairs, next to the piano.

PROCLAIM

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Light Dawns on a Weary World

No. 79

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.

Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes.

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains break forth with singing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

² Hymn numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple *Glory to God* hymn book in the pew rack in front of you. The art on this bulletin cover, New in Christ by Lauren Wright Pittman is made available through the Lent Year C bundle. | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

At this time, children may be dismissed for Sunday school or can choose to remain in worship for the rest of the service. There are two children's Sunday School classes, for Pre-K–3rd grade and for 4th grade and up.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Reading from the New Testament 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Full to the Brim with Prodigal Grace Elder Kelly Couch

*HYMN OF RESPONSE What Is the World Like No. 771

RESPOND

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

written by Rev. Sarah Speed

We believe in a God who waits in the driveway for us. We believe in a God who leaves the porch light on and throws a feast when we are found. We believe in a God who doesn't stop looking for us when we get lost. We believe in a God of prodigal grace—excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace. In response to this grace, we hold tighter to each other. We remember that humans are not meant to go through life alone; so we look for ways to welcome each other in, to live like we are family, and to lead with grace—excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace. We believe that this is our call. Let it be so. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

During the time of offering, you are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to "LPC") in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



*DOXOLOGY

Praise God Whose Love Will Ne'er Depart

No. 606

Praise God, whose love will ne'er depart;
Praise Christ, who opens all our hearts;
Praise Spirit's pow'r to help us grow:
One God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE 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 debts³ as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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*SENDING HYMN

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)

No. 803

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Worship may be over, but our service has just begun.

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.

Lakeview Presbyterian Church brings God's word to life
in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,
while spreading the love of Jesus Christ
through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.

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³ When saying the Lord's Prayer, some prefer to use the words "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" or "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Please pray as you feel led.

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