



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025

10:00 am

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PERSONAL MEDITATION TIME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are ambassadors for Christ.

God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.

*We gather as God's beloved family
to worship God and offer our praise.*

Let us join our hearts in song and in prayer.

HYMN* "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" 509

THE TENEBRAE Lisa and Corey Green

The extinguishing of the fourth candle

... Let us pray together:

Loving God, we thank you that you are with us, and that we may call upon you no matter where we are, or what we are feeling. Keep us mindful of your presence and trusting in your promise—that you are working with us in the moment-by-moment unfolding of our lives. Amen.

Handchimes Choir:

A WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

GOSPEL – Luke 15:25-32

Barbara Wierwille

“We had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.”

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“Was I Faithful?”

NEW TESTAMENT – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

“From this point on, we won’t recognize people by human standards.”

SERMON

“Welcome”

Rev. Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But . . . we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s

condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, saying,
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

... we declare the mystery of faith,
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

... 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 debts 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.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer: Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN*

“Let Us Build a House”

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Go with God. Go with God.

As you leave this place, go with God.

God will direct your way, God will light every day.

As you leave this place, go with God.

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Forum today – George Norton speaks about what we can do to combat hunger

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

April 6 - Way

April 13 – Palm/Passion Sunday – With Others

April 20 – Easter - Witness