

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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*Fourth Sunday
in Lent*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Just As I Am"

WELCOME

& ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Pratt

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the fortifying, reconciling love of God.

People: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of love.

People: Amen!

***HYMN**

UMH #357

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Father, it was said of the Prodigal Son that he "came to himself." Help us to wake up to ourselves, and to You. Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect so that we might be more fully human. Help us not to chase after an imaginary life, and to find satisfaction in our real lives. And turn us away from our self-rejection so that we might see that Your arms open in welcome. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diane Horn

PRAYER

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 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

RUMC Choir

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***GOSPEL READING**

NT #73

Luke 15:11-32

SERMON

“Lost and Found”

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

UMH #378

“Amazing Grace”

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The altar is open for prayer. If you would like the pastor to pray with you, please so indicate. The doors of our church are open if anyone wants to join by profession of faith or by transfer.

***BENEDICTION**

AMEN RESPONSE

#898

POSTLUDE

“How Great Is Our God”

**Please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME GUESTS

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

The deadline for ordering your Easter lilies is **today**, and the cost is \$15.00 each. Order forms are available in the narthex.

The Easter Bunny is coming! An Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 2, from 2 - 4 pm. If you would like to donate money for refreshments, candy for the eggs, or volunteer to help, please see Tiffany Phillips or drop your donation in the plate, or bring your donation to the church office.

Refreshments are needed for the drive-thru drama April 8 & 9. Please bring your items to the church office before Friday, April 8. Due to COVID precautions, everything must be individually wrapped or pre-packaged. Please bring beverages in small bottles only.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, March 28, 6:30 pm: Lenten Study via ZOOM
Tuesday, March 29, 6:30 pm: Worship Committee
Wednesday, March 30, 10:00 am: Lenten Study -
Crossroads SS classroom
Wednesday, 6:30 pm: Choir
Saturday, April 2, 2-4 pm: Easter Egg Hunt (CLC)

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday school groups each Sunday Morning:

Crossroads SS Class meets via Zoom at 9 a.m.
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

Pathfinder SS Class meets at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor in the Education Building.

HEARING INFO

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Pastor Meegian will receive these requests and lift them up for prayer during worship.

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.