

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

Theme:

Theme: Leaning into Lent



“Jesus asked, “Can a blind person lead another blind person? Won’t they both fall into a pit?”
Luke 6:39

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude:

“Ah, Holy Jesus “

Dale Wood

Invocation

*Call to Worship: Psalm 139:1-6, 17-18

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

People: You search out our path and our lying down, and are acquainted with all our ways.

Leader: Even before a word is on our tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

People: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high that we cannot attain it.

Leader: How weighty to us are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

People: When we try to count them -- they are more than the sand; when we come to our end -- we are still with You.

*Hymn: #444 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” with Bell Choir (see download)

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Christ, our brother, help us to turn away from the hungry marketplace and come to your Father’s house. Let us drink your guilt, sharing with accountability what it means to be a Christ follower. Lead us always to pray in sincerity. Beneath the veneer of our common ways, show us what is necessary

to become fully human. Free our minds, our hearts, and this world from the powers of darkness. Confront the horrors of evil. Rain down your righteous judgment where it is needed and likewise where it is needed your merciful grace. Take away our fear of silence and our fear of truth. Give us the conviction to do what is right and to remain holy, through the power of Your love, we pray, AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem:

“A Lenten Prayer”

Bell Choir

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn: #436 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us” (see download)

Scripture Reading: Luke 6: 20-31; 37-38; 39-45

Sermon

“The Shape of God’s Future”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank You, God, for being so generous to us. For showing us what live is and how to love. Through these gifts we dedicate all that we are and all that we have to your service. In Jesus’ name, AMEN

The Peace of Christ

*Hymn: #697 “Take My Life” (see download)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: March on "Martyrdom" Gordon Young"

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Geraldine Hess**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Deacons** will meet in the Timlow Library following this morning's service.

TRUSTEE WORKDAY is next Saturday, April 9!

Mark your calendar and bring the usual tools, rakes, buckets, rags, and yard tools. Of course, there will be refreshments and goodies plus *fellowship*. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of giving so the Trustees can keep YOUR Churches and buildings in good repair.

Dave Berkheimer



One Great Hour of Sharing

Please use the envelopes in the pews or just put your offering in a plain envelope and label it for One Great Hour of Sharing and place it in the offering plate.

DIRECTORY UPDATES. . . if you have changes in phone numbers, email addresses, home address, or new family members since the directory was last published, we'd like to have that information. We also want to make sure we have correct spelling of all children's names and adults as well.

PASTOR PROFILE RESPONSES. . . Place your Pastor Profile Responses in box at the rear of the sanctuary or in the pastor's slot outside the office door. Extra copies are available at the back or on the table in the Narthex. **Please respond by April 3rd.**

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