children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord's Prayer Choral Amen 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.

Call to Stewardship

All undesignated cash goes to the Ministerial Alliance Transient Fund.

Offertory arr. Dale Wood "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

\*Congregational Response Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

\*Hymn 744 Festal Song
"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Choral Response David H. Williams Sanctuary Choir

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.

Amen.

\*Closing Voluntary John Dunstable "Agincourt Hymn"

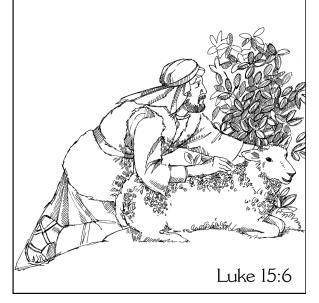


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REJOICE WITH ME, for I have found my sheep that was lost.





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### THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

March 31, 2019

10:40 A.M.

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

\*The congregation is invited to stand as music begins. Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.

#### Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. (Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshiping near you.)

# **Gathering Around the Word**

Opening Voluntary

J.S. Bach

"God's Time is the Best"

Entrance of Baptismal Water and The Christ Light Chimes and the Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Let us praise the Lord who grants us inheritance in the Kingdom.

Keep us free, Lord, from self-serving and reckless living,

So that one-day we may come to our senses, repent of our sin and return home

To be embraced by God's love and receive our eternal hope in Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn 386

O Quanta Qualia

"Come, Worship God"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

How often through our wasted and extravagant lifestyles we deny our inheritance in your divine Kingdom, O Lord. Open us to the need of our lives that we might hunger for righteousness and repent from our self-serving ways. Inflict us with compassion to embrace others and welcome them to the table of forgiveness. Once we were lost, but now we return to hope in you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response Hymn 435 v. 1 In Babilone
There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty

## **Proclaiming the Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

K. Lee Scott

"Jesus, Name, All Names Above" Sanctuary Choir

Jesus, name, all names above, Jesus, best and dearest.
Jesus, Fount of perfect love, holiest, tend'rest, nearest.
Jesus, Source of grace completest,
Jesus, purest, Jesus, sweetest,
Jesus, well of power divine, make me,
keep me, seal me thine!

Thou didst call the Prodigal; Thou didst pardon Mary:
Thou whose words can never fall, love can never vary:
 Lord, to heal my lost condition,
 give (for Thou canst give) contrition;
Thou canst pardon all my ill; bid my spirit,
 "Peace be still!"

Jesus, open me the gate that the robber entered, who in that most lost estate wholly on Thee ventured.

Thou, whose wounds are ever pleading, and Thy Passion interceding, From my sins,

Oh, let me rise to a home in Paradise!

Children's Moment

Linda Crownover

Children's Worship Cathy Zellers Kids up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Children's Worship.

All others stay in the sanctuary.

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Sermon

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SEEKING THE LOST

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 774

Stuttgart

"There Is Now a New Creation"

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) A Brief Statement of Faith
In life and in death we belong to God. Through
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the
one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we
worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully
human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the
captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the