

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

*Gathering Song "You Are My King" (Amazing Love) *Worship Team*

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you, O God:

At a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You, O God, are a hiding place for me;

You preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Many are the torments of the wicked,

But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous ones,

And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!†

Song of Faith #353 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" *MOODY*

Call to Confession†

Confession: Holy God, merciful and forgiving, who in Jesus Christ welcomes sinners and eats with them, we confess that we have acted stubbornly, going our own way; we have shown an ill temper and how little we understand your ways; we have used your resources to indulge ourselves, and failed to conduct ourselves as befits members of your royal family. We have sinned against heaven and before you. Forgive us, we pray, and roll away the disgrace of our sins, in Jesus' name.†

Assurance of Forgiveness†

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Sonia Roling

The First Reading **Joshua 5:9-12**

The Second Reading **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

*Responsorial #284 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *PASSION CHORALE*

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community: 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - A collection plate is available in the front of the Sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give it online.

Offertory Special

Prayer and The Message "At the Cross: Humankind is God's Business"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Closing Hymn # 253 "Lead Me to Calvary" *Duncannon*

*Spoken Benediction

***Postlude**

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**Stand when able*

HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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At The Cross
A LENTON SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE

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