



March 30, 2025
 Fourth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER

CENTERING

Kris Neale, Ministry Intern

ONE:	God meets us in the light—
C:	where joy is effervescent, where laughter is contagious,
P:	where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk, where people gather around tables.
ONE:	God meets us in between—
C:	at the edge of the water, at the beginning of the wilderness,
P:	at the start of something new, on the edge of faith.
ONE:	And if God meets us in all those places,
ALL:	then surely God meets us everywhere— at the water's edge, at the start of something new,

	after the baptism, and before the call.
ONE:	We are not alone. God is all around.
ALL:	Let us worship the God of everything.

PRELUDE

Prayer

Composer: Arnold B. Sherman

Bells of Faith: Nancy Kuhn, Director

WELCOME

Jan Spencer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

ONE:	Our God is a shepherding God.
ALL:	Our God knows us by name.
ONE:	Our God will never stop searching for us. So if you feel lost,
ALL:	then know that God is seeking you.
ONE:	If you feel found,
ALL:	then know that God will never leave.
ONE:	This is the promise of scripture.
ALL:	This is the promise of God's love.

ONE:	Let us worship our with-us God.
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WORD

ANTHEM

Jesus Paid It All

Composer: Marianne Forman, living

Publisher: Beckenhorst Press; Text: Elvira Hall, 1820-1899

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Dr. Michael Wu, Piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kris Neale, Ministry Intern

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

Call to Confession

ONE:	<p>Friends, in the Christian tradition many have used “lost” and “found” labels to describe people “out there” versus people “in here.” Many have used “lost” and “found” language to create a damaging dichotomy that Christians are found and non-Christians are lost.</p> <p>But the truth is, each and every one of us is a little bit lost and a little bit found from time to time. Each and every one of us needs the love of the Good Shepherd.</p> <p>So join me in the prayer of confession, as people who know both ends of that spectrum. Join me as we go to God in prayer:</p>
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Prayer of Confession

ONE:	If God is a painter,
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ALL:	let us be the brush.
ONE:	If God is a musician,
ALL:	let us be the song.
ONE:	If God is an architect,
ALL:	let us be the tools. Let us be the hands. Let us be the builders.
ONE:	But if God is a shepherd, who never stops seeking,
ALL:	let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we feel.
ONE;	Our God is never far away.
ALL:	Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

ONE:	Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found. We grumble. We push back. We doubt God. We doubt ourselves. We leave the flock and lose our way. But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God who is always by our side. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
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ALL:	<p>No matter how far we wander, we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.</p>
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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Bruce Werber

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-7

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

MESSAGE

“Lost and Found”

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

ALL:	<p>We believe in a seeking God, a with-us and before-us God, a chasing-after-us God. We believe that no matter where we wander or what mountains we climb, <i>this</i> God— the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem, shook hands with lepers, patted children on the head, and told stories of love—</p>
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<p>is always close at hand. So on the good days and the hard days, on the mountains and in the valleys, we believe that we are always being found. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.</p>

*Hymn: #528

Nearer, My God, to Thee, verses 1-3

Words: Sarah F. Adams, 1841 (Genesis 28:10-22)

Composer: Lowell Mason, 1856

Congregation and Choir Chancel

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

WONDER

MISSION MOMENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

WHAT NOW

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

**ALL: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

***Hymn #577**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930

Music: John Hughes, 1907

Congregation and Chancel Choir

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

POSTLUDE

***Moderato* from "Six Fugues and Eight Other Movements"**

Composer: Elizabeth Stirling, 1819-1895

Publisher: J. A. Novello, London

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

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