

Worship Supplement – March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in the Season of Lent

*** Call to Worship**

One: God's reach is endless.

All: God's mercy is unstoppable.

One: God's grace is lavish.

All: God's love is constant.

One: God's wisdom is vast.

All: God's hope is stubborn.

One: God's presence is here—

All: with us, among us, moving through us.

One: Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

All: We are in God's house. Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

Gathering Song - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (807)

1 Come thou Font of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee may I still thy goodness prove.	2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: “Hither by thy help I’ve come”; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.	3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand’ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.
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Prayer of the Day -

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

If you would like to follow along with this morning's reading, copies of the scripture are available on the welcome table, on the opposite side of our sermon song, "What Is the World Like".

Sermon - Rev. Lisa Mitchell

***Sermon Song - What Is the World Like (Music available on the welcome table)**

1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

5 These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.

***Sending Song - My Life Flows On in Endless Song (763)**

1 My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation. [Refrain]

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

3 What though my joys and comforts die,
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?