

First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Fourth Sunday in Lent March 27, 2022



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Guest Preacher Rev. James Altenbaumer Chancel Choir Director Luke Overton Youth Director Abbie Chronister

Worship Leader Craig Mahood **Organist** Hudson Lourenço **Guest Cellist** Erin Gaherty Williams

Improvisation on "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Greeting

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who know God's grace, Many: Who receive forgiveness and mercy from the Holy One. Leader: Happy are those who know God's steadfast love, Many: Who find peace even in times of trial. Leader: Happy are those who rest in God, Many: Who find sabbath to renew their spirit. Leader: Let us worship our God, who offers grace, mercy, and peace in Jesus Christ!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, after times of broken relationships, painful injustices, or disease-enforced separation, we yearn to be restored to one another and to You. It seems as if we were in some far country, and now we take a fresh look at the ties that bind us to You and to our neighbors. Fill our weary souls with hope. Lead us home on roads of renewal, and teach us again how to express Your extravagant love. Amen.

*Hymn	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	No. 43 (New Century - black)
Children's Lesson		
Choral Anthem	Coming Home (The Prodigal Son)	Chancel Choir Song by William J. Kirkpatrick
Joys and Concerns of the Church		song of minum of minipution

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Call to Offering

Leader: Even when our gifts become dormant, God stirs our hearts and calls us to bring to life our gifts once again. What gifts may God be challenging us to revive? How can these treasures, talents, and time create equitable communities? Let us make our offering to God!

Offertory

*Doxology		No. 515 (Pilgrim - red)	
*Prayer of Dedication			
Gospel Reading		Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	
Hymn	O God, How We Have Wandered	No. 202 (New Century - black)	
Sermon			
*Hymn	Help Us Accept Each Other	No. 388 (New Century - black)	
*Benediction			
Postlude	Prelude in E minor "Cathedral", BWV 533 - J S Bach		
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*Please rise in body or spirit			
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in the back of the sanctuary.

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