



*Overcoming
Rejection*

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The Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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March 30, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Ringling of the Church Bells

Choral Introit

Return to God

Chancel Choir

Words of Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader From darkness and despair, from being lost and lonely, God calls us home.

People **Even though we have been selfish and let God down, we are still called beloved.**

Leader How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

People **For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.**

Leader Come, let us worship and be thankful.

People **Our hearts rejoice at the wondrous ways in which God loves and forgives us.**

***Hymn**

[Love Divine, All Loves Excelling](#)

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Call to Confession (leader)

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayer.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving and Merciful God, you love us with a profound, outrageous love, and you generously give to us all that you have. Yet we fail to appreciate you or to respond in gratitude to your love. Like the younger brother, we stubbornly choose our selfish ambition rather than receive your wise counsel. We pursue the pleasures of this world, believing that they will make us happy, only to discover that we're left with poverty of both soul and spirit. Or, like the elder brother, we hold ourselves aloof and apart, judging others and withholding compassion and mercy. Neither of these brothers understood that their truest treasure lay in their relationship with the father – and that is our sin as well. We ask for your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Amen

Chancel Choir

Anthem

Cherish the Cross

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, as we offer these gifts, we are reminded of your boundless love and mercy, exemplified in the parable of the prodigal son. Just as you welcome us home with open arms, may these offerings reflect our desire to serve others and bring them closer to your embrace. Bless these gifts, that they may help reconcile, heal, and restore lives, bringing glory to your name. Amen.

*Doxology

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*Hymn

[Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy](#)

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Scripture

[Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32](#)

Special Music

Kathi Hiett

Message

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*Hymn

[Just as I Am, Without One Plea](#)

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Schedule of Our Opportunities

Today	9:00 a.m.	Heart of Worship in the Social Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
		Service broadcast on wfbr1590.weebly.com/ or 1590 AM/Facebook Live Stream

Looking Ahead

Apr 1 st	10:00 a.m.	Women's Circles – Social Hall
Apr 1 st	10:00 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study – Rm #59
Apr 1 st	7:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle – Social Hall
Apr 7 th	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Mtg – Rm #59
Apr 8 th	10:00 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study – Social Hall
Apr 12 th	9:00 a.m.	UMM Prayer Breakfast – Social Hall
Apr 13 th	11:00 a.m.	Easter Cantata (no 9:00 service) – Sanctuary
Apr 17 th	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Service – Sanctuary
Apr 28 th	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Meeting – Social Hall

