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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11th, 2018
9:30am

(Please silence your cell phone)

We Gather

(Please remain seated)

Welcome and Announcements

Quilt Blessing

A Community Following in the Footsteps of Christ
Loss Support Group

Gathering Music
Adagio
Josef Fiocco

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them. Matthew 18:20

(Please stand as you are able)

Lamb of God

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2. Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain
3. I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod
and to be called a Lamb of God. Refrain

Twila Paris

Invocation

P We gather for worship in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

(Please be seated)

Loving Our Enemies

P If loving enemies were easy,
Jesus wouldn't have told us about the tax collectors and
gentiles, who love only their friends.

**C If loving enemies were easy, we know
we wouldn't need God's strong arms to bear us up
in difficult times. We wouldn't need the blood
of Christ to save us from human sin.
We wouldn't need the Spirit flowing among us,
wiping our tears.**

P Teach us to know how to love enemies,
to wish them the best of the life you intend each human to
have and then pray and act so those wishes come true.

**C Teach us hope, so we know that with your
blessing, impossible dreams become reality.**

P Teach us faith,
so we know that only the strength to stop hating
will halt the cycles of violence and revenge.

**C Teach us forgiveness,
which we know is suffering love through piercing
tears. Teach us, O Lord, your ways.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P We confess that we find it very difficult to love our enemies:
to pray for their well-being,
to act in their best interests,
to leave thoughts of vengeance behind.

C **Forgive us.**

Teach us to love even those who hurt or offend us.

P Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;
Our sins have been forgiven.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gift of Love

arr. Mark Albrecht

Kristin Delaney, alto sax

The Word

Reading: **Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18**

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning.

¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Forgive as you have been forgiven,
serve as you have been served,
and love, love as Jesus first loved us.

Robert Buckley Farley

Gospel: **Matthew 5: 17-20, 43-48**

P The Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Jeff Mikyska

(Please stand as you are able)

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
Chorus

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's
pride.
Chorus

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
Chorus

Lenten Statement of Faith

P We confess our faith.

C **We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.**

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who works in us.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith. Amen

(Please be seated)

Anniversary Prayer

P God of history and time, we thank you for the many gracious acts of salvation you have visited upon this congregation in its 115 years. Continue to bless us with your presence, as you come to us in Word and sacraments, and make of us a city set on a hill, a light that cannot be hidden, that others may know of your great love. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and also our Lord. With you and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Love God with your heart and your neighbor as yourself;
love God with your mind (soul) and your neighbor as yourself;
love God with your strength (mind) and your neighbor as yourself.

Text: From the Gospels

Children's Message

Deaconess Andrea Delaney

Offering Music

O Healing River

Kristen Zehr

(Please remain seated)

Offering Response

- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Prayers of the People

The assisting minister will end each prayer petition with:

A Lord in your mercy,

The congregation will respond with:

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers will end with:

P We lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen**

O Lord, hear my prayer,

O Lord, hear my prayer:

when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer,

O Lord, hear my prayer:

come and listen to me.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.

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The Meal

The Words of Institution

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave thanks;
and gave it to his disciples saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Supper

P The journey to Jerusalem
will test our faith
and offer us opportunities to serve,
as we remember the life, the death,
and the resurrection of the One we follow.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus
taught us:

C **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 and ever. Amen**

Communion

- *Our table is open to all who wish to share in the sacrament.*
- *Non-communing children and adults are invited to receive a blessing.*
- *Please kneel if you are able or stand at the communion rail.*
- *If you would rather have grape juice, a wheat wafer or a gluten-free wafer, please let the communion assistant know.*

Communion Music

Beautiful Savior
arr. Lawrence Curry

(Please stand as you are able)

Blessing after Communion

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C **Amen**

Benediction

P Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now
and forever.

C **Amen**

Sending

I Come with Joy

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
f orgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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Sending Forth the People of God

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Music

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Welsh Hymn

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Calling all Hearts and Hands Alumni and Hearts and Hands Newbies of all ages! We will be starting a new volunteer opportunity this year. Hearts and Hands will host Fellowship Hour 4 times a year beginning March 18th. This is the perfect opportunity for those of you who wish to be a part of Hearts and Hands, but the work at NIFB or FMSC doesn't fit into your schedule. We would love to have your Hearts and Hands help with fellowship hour set up, treats or post fellowship hour clean up. Please sign-up on the March 18th Fellowship Hour sheet on the glass top table outside the sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Dick or Beth Quathammer (rquathammer@yahoo.com)

A service of Healing and Blessing will be held on Wednesday, March 14th, at 7:00pm. Come all you who are weary or heavy burdened and we will give you rest. And dessert! And fellowship!

Pastor	Jeffrey G. Mikyska
Deaconess	Andrea Delaney
Organist	Michael Fetzer
Assisting Minister	Cecilia Anderson
Scripture Reader	Heidi Hohman
Communion Assistants	Bob Kappes, Matthew Kolakowski Hannah Kolakowski, Steve Linstrom
Ushers	Doug & Jan Riebock, Noel Borows
Greeter	Kris Benson
Fellowship Hour Host	Pam Williams

Special Offerings

7 day candle: \$8

Apr 8 May 6
 Apr 22 May 13
 Apr 29 May 20
 May 27

wine: \$ 8

Apr 8 May 6
 Apr 22 May 13
 Apr 29 May 20
 May 27

altar flowers: \$25

Apr 22 May 6
 Apr 29 May 20
 May 27

radio broadcast: \$100

Apr 15 May 6
 Apr 22 May 13
 Apr 29 May 20
 May 27

worship folders: \$25

Apr 15 May 6
 Apr 22 May 13
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newsletter: \$50

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