

LENT
A WILDERNESS JOURNEY



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY
GATHERS AND GROWS

March 27, 2022

Lent 4

Sunday, March 27, 2022

(* indicates the assembly stands

** indicates singing is encouraged)

Gathering

Prelude *"Affettuoso"* J.-B. Loeillet

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness (see page 4)

*Greeting

*Kyrie 615** *"In All Our Grief"*

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* V. Johnson

Word

Psalm 32 *(read antiphonally by full verse, see page 4)*

Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*Gospel Acclamation *"Let Your Steadfast Love"* p. 103

*Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 763** *"My Life Flows on In Endless Song"*

*Statement of Faith (see page 5)

*Prayers of Intercession **A: receive our prayer.**

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 188 *"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"*

*Offering Prayer	
*Great Thanksgiving	p. 107
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 108
*Thanksgiving at the Table IV	p. 111
*Lord's Prayer ("Our Father in heaven...")	p. 112
Lamb of God	p. 112
Communion Hymns 462, 592	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 325**	<i>"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Allegro"</i> J.-B. Loeillet

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The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of God,

...

Holy One,

A.: we confess that we have wandered far from you:

we have not trusted your promises,

we have ignored your prophets in our own day,

we have squandered our inheritance of grace,

we have failed to recognize you in our midst.

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

Teach us to follow in your ways,

assure us again of your love,

and help us to love our neighbor.

Amen.

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Psalm 32

¹Happy are they whose transgressions¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is¹ put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD im-¹putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there¹ is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones with-¹ered away,
because of my groaning¹ all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the¹ heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-¹ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me
the guilt¹ of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

⁸“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you.”

¹⁰Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

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Statement of Faith:

**We believe in God the Creator, who loves the world and says it is good.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the presence of God embodied and among us.
Jesus walks with the lonely; eats with sinners; feeds the hungry; forgives
the unforgiveable; and continues to show us the way. He calls us to a life
that death cannot end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit of God, who has spoken through the prophets
and continues to urge us to live fully and honestly, seeking justice, loving**

kindness, and walking humbly, as a forgiven and forgiving people whose joy gives life.

We believe in the church as community. Though flawed and imperfect, the church offers a place for everyone.

We believe that Christ is among us and leads us to give ourselves away in love.

We believe we are called to choose hope, to resist evil, to advocate for the oppressed, and to rejoice in the gift of life.

(Jill Gingrich)

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnereit

Diaconal Minister of Music : Deacon Scott Knarr

Recorder: Pauline Finch

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

Vocal Ensemble: Julia Crnko, Pauline Finch, Lana Moses, Bev Roeder, Jim & Erika Sattler

Radio: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

Worship Notes

In our prayers John, Susan, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Frank and Bernice.

Our musical prelude to Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesday, March 30 at 7 pm will be played by Pauline Finch and Deacon Scott. They will present Sonata No. 6 for recorder and harpsichord by Flemish composer Jean-Baptiste Loeillet (1680-1730).

Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to our church's current protocols, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Personal belongings:** You may use the basement coat racks, but please use the Church Street side staircase to descend back down (follow the arrows). Please still exit via the left (Charles St.) staircase and doors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.
- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude. Then, following the ushers' guidance, those in the back pews will exit first, going directly out the only official exit: the Benton parking lot doors. Please do not mingle inside, and maintain distancing until you are in the parking lot. We encourage you to mingle outside while maintaining physical distancing.
- **Washrooms:** Are not sanitized after each usage. Please only use the ones in the Sanctuary basement, follow all signage and maintain physical distancing.
- **Coffee Hour** is cancelled until further notice.
- **Mingling:** Please do not mingle while indoors and respect 2 metre physical distancing at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble.
- **Pastors** will not be greeting at the door or mingling indoors, but will make an effort to come outside asap after the service. If you wish to talk to them, best to call or email at another time. An in-person meeting may be scheduled.
- **Water Coolers** are not to be used.

- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

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Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

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