

Prayer Concerns

°Condolences to the family of Nadine Brooke, mother of Danielle (and Jeremy) Walsh on her passing	°Condolences to the family of Jan Praedel, on her passing
°Chris B.'s niece	°Joanne H., Natalie W.'s aunt
°Callahan H., grandson of the H.'s and B.'s	*Terri W.

*=1 week °=2 weeks °=3 weeks °=4 weeks on prayer list

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

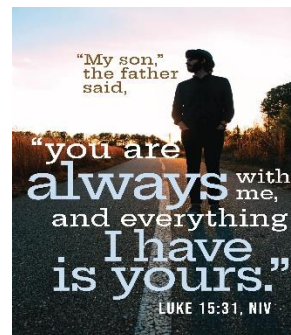
3/30 Dick Mercer 4/4 Andrew Peralta
 3/31 Diane Plogger 4/5 Kimberly Busser
 4/1 Bill and Wendy Cooper
 4/4 Kara Quan

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm
 Liturgist: Greg Lavelle
 Organist: Javier Gonzalez
 Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
 Greeters: John and Char Vas, Greg Lavelle
 Usher: Judi Wagner
 Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Fourth Sunday of Lent/UMCOR Sunday

March 30, 2025 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior be with you.

P: And also with you.

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Wilbur Held

*Call to Worship

Greg Lavelle

L: When we struggle to live as you teach us, and we fail to answer your call...

P: God, your steadfast loves surrounds us.

L: When the truth clogs up in our throats, and we fear what will happen if we speak and if we keep silent...

P: God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

L: When we open our hearts and let the truth of our sorrows, our sin, our joys, and our doubts flow freely...

P: God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

L: When our stubborn hearts encounter the grace that teaches and guides us into a life of trust and joyful obedience...

P: God, your steadfast love surrounds us today and every day.

Thanks be to God!

***Unison Prayer**

Loving God, it was said of the Prodigal Son that he “came to himself.” Help us to wake up to ourselves, and to you. Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect so that we might be more fully human. Help us not to chase after an imaginary life, and to find satisfaction in our real lives. And turn us away from our self-rejection so that we might notice your arms open in welcome. Amen.

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 32

***Hymn** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart UMH 160

Handbells Thee We Adore, Oh Hidden Savior
arr. Cathy Moglebust

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, we admit that we are prone to try to hide our sins; to keep our mouths shut and hope we are not found out. But there is no place to hide from you. Our silence only makes us sick in body and spirit. But you delight in forgiving us and in covering our sin. You are glad when we confess our failings and our needs. Hide us, O God, from trouble; teach us the way we should go. Deliver us from our own stubbornness, and draw us near, we pray. Amen.

Words of Pardon and Assurance

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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 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.

Anthem Abide with Me arr. by Jack Schrader

***Thankfulness for Our Offerings: UMCOR**

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Prayer for the Offerings**

Handbells It is Well with My Soul arr. Linda Lamb

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

Hymn Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (vs. 1,2,4) UMH 348

Sermon “Steadfast Love” Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

***Hymn** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384

***Responsive Benediction**

L: May God’s grace go ahead of you, trail behind you, and encircle you each and every moment...

P: that with every move you make you would know with absolute assurance that God’s steadfast love will never leave you alone.

All: Amen.

Postlude The God of Abraham Praise Yigdal
arr. Meyer Lyon

(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

**Please stand if you are able.*

