

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
2016**

March 6,

8:30 am

Contemporary Service of Worship

***Praise and Worship**

Because of Your Love

Because He Lives (Amen)

Forever Reign

He Knows My Name

God's Word

Children's Sermon

Scripture Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32Pew Bible 1055

Sermon The Dysfunctional Family

Our Response

Prayers *(please use prayer cards to indicate
thanksgivings and concerns)*

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Communion

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Dismissal with Blessing

At the Cross (Love Ran Red), last
chorus

*Please stand if you are able

Sermon Notes / Prayer Request

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 6, 2016

SERVICE OF THE WORD

10:45 AM

Entrance

Prelude The King of Love My Shepard is setting/Charles Callahan

Opening Prayer

God, we know things are not right in the world. Children sleep with hunger pangs, families struggle to stay together in times of war and strife, droughts leave once lush fields cracked and dry. We know these things to be true, but they seem so far and remote. They seem beyond our reach. They seem too big for us to solve. So we do not seek justice for the widow or the orphan. We do not respond mercifully. As we gather to worship you this day, we realize that we cannot walk humbly without you. We cannot act justly or seek mercy without your grace. Help us, Lord, to move with mercy and speak with a voice that seeks justice. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.²

*Hymn No. 120

Your Love, O God

Proclamation and Response

Children's Sermon

*Scripture

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Pew Bible 1035

*Hymn No. 348

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Sermon

The Dysfunctional Family

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Hymnal No. 895

Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to the Offering

The father said, "My child, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours." God has come to us in Christ, made us new, and reconciled us to God.

Now we offer all that we have, and all that we are, to be ministers of reconciliation. Amen.¹

Anthem

Shut de Do, Keep Out de Devil!
"Light de Candle Everyting's Alright"
Shona Tucker - Soloist

Randy Stonehill

Lenten Doxology (see insert)

*Prayer of Dedication

Merciful God, we present these gifts as our act of worship. May our offering bring help and hope to hurting people. Use and multiply these gifts to bring justice where injustice reigns, to pour out mercy on those who need it most, and to be a tangible sign of your love for the world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.²

The Great Thanksgiving/Communion

Hymnal no.8

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Benediction

Go out today knowing that God's steadfast love extends beyond these wall, throughout your communities and into the world. Amen.²

Postlude

Father We Thank Thee setting/Charles Callahan

*Please stand if you are able

Chancel Choir and Shona Tucker are singing the lyrics of the anthem in a Jamaican Dialect, so "Do" is door which is being shut to keep out the devil.

¹(2015-04-01). The Abingdon Worship Annual 2016 (Kindle Locations 1050-1054). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

²Written by Michelle Scott Okabayashi

HELPING IN WORSHIP

8:30 am	Liturgist	Kaye Schrock
	Greeter	Roger Griemsmann
	Usher	Kathy Betz
10:45 am	Head Usher	Will Cass
	Ushers	Lynne Deverman, Joseph Norman, Priscilla Wendover
	Acolyte	Asa Caramico
	Liturgist	Margaret Slomin

OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service 8:30	82	10:45	138
Sunday School	52	Adults	22

REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS

Vassar Brothers Medical Center - Frank Cassidy
 Please pray this week for our members: Ruth Arnfield, Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Leonard Butler, Catherine Carroll, Joan Cassidy, Sandra DeGuzman, Eric Eichenhofer, Beverly Farwell, Irene Feller, Irene Firner, Bryan Foy, Emily Griess, Wendy Hart, Nora Hunt, Dana Jones, Danny Jones, Chelsea Kolarik, Faith Krzywicki, Jim Little, Joe Michaloski, Marge Michaloski, Yvonne Morrow, Bea Northway, Karla Quinlan, George Sherban, Gloria Sherban, Bob Silkworth, Hilary Stamper, Meegan Veeder-Shave.

Please keep friends of our church in your prayers: Betsy Allen, Richard Allen, David Andujar, Jay Bacchiochi, Donald Brooks, Bill Dale, Jordan Fidler, Daniel Granger, Emereld Hendrickson, Doreen Hochlowski, Jason, Jean Keebler, Erica Kolbrener, Michael McKernan, Kelly O’Conner, Peter, Bill Robertson, Patricia Schmidt, Ava Vinson, Jeffery Wendover, Jr.. To renew names on the prayer lists, call the Church Office (452-2933).

Please keep the members of our military, active and/or retired, in your prayers. Joshua Lord
 If you have a loved one or friend whose name you would like included, call the church office.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21 NRSV



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