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March 30, 2025

8AM and 10:30AM Worship

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!*

*\* please stand as you are able; **bold print** congregational response*

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**TIME OF SHARING/GREETING**

PRELUDE MUSIC – “You Are My Hiding Place,  
It is Well with My Soul” – *M. Ledner, P. P. Bliss*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Inspired by Psalm 32)

Happy are those who experience the grace of God  
**who find forgiveness and mercy from the Holy One.**

Happy are those who experience the steadfast love of God  
**who find peace even in times of trial.**

Happy are those who experience rest in God  
**who find Sabbath to renew their spirit.**

**\*PRAYER**

**Giver of life, we open ourselves, body, mind and spirit to  
worship this day with an attitude of generosity and gratitude.  
We pray that faith, hope and love would fill us and our faith  
community, so that it carries into our neighborhoods  
and across the world which you so lovingly created.  
Indeed, let love be known in all that we say and do. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #43 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND GROWTH**

**Holy Breath of Life, there are moments when our decisions do  
not take into consideration the well-being of our neighbors. There  
are times when our reactions turn inward instead of building healthy  
reconciliation. How is it that we are holding back our neighbor’s  
rebirth? How are our implicit and explicit biases restricting God’s  
grace and radical love? How do our actions and biases impede our  
own spiritual growth? Urge us to be life-giving agents of your love.**

**May each of our steps be healing not only to us,  
but to our siblings on the journey. Amen.**

*MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER*

SUNG RESPONSE

#188 **"Give Me a Clean Heart"**

*Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.  
God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.  
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.  
Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

#642 **Psalm 32**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b - 32

SERMON

HYMN **"Change My Heart, O God"** (*Remain Seated*) (Insert)

PRAAYER/LORD'S PRAAYER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#881 **The Apostles Creed**

\*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #780 **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

\*PRAAYER OF DEDICATION

**We offer these gifts, O God, in the spirit of love  
and with hope that others may feel the love of Christ  
through what they can yield. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #476 "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"**

**\*FINAL BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**Some of Today's Worship Elements have been adapted from the following:**

Come to Life: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday of Lent C was written by the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, Senior Pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, Illinois.



And...

*Love Remains*: UCC One Great Hour of Sharing Planning and Resource Guide.

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**Today's Worship Participants**

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young		Pastor
Jim Orner	8:00am	Lay Liturgists
Lenore O'Rourke	10:30am	
Sara Shank		Organist/Acting Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh		Percussion
Chris Swinn	8:00am	Ushers
Janet Sheely	10:30am	
Sandy Busche, Suhua Dong	10:30am	Greeters
	10:30am	Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Luke Milhimes,		Tech Team
Russell Bailey, Carl Barrick, Suhua Dong, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Terry Krietz, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd, Bette Bunce		

SCRIPTURE LESSONS  
Psalm 32 (*Responsively*)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup>Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

<sup>3</sup>**While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.**

<sup>4</sup>**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat  
of summer. Selah**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my  
transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

<sup>6</sup>Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty  
waters shall not reach them.

<sup>7</sup>**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad  
cries of deliverance. Selah**

<sup>8</sup>**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye  
upon you.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.

<sup>10</sup>Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

<sup>11</sup>**Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling,  
joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing,  
all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;  
Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion;  
pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.  
Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion,  
en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
  
2. Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it  
in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
Let us all in you in-her-it,  
let us find your prom-ised rest;  
Take a-way our love of sin-ning;  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be;  
End of faith, as its be-gin-ning,  
set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
  
3. Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er,  
let us all your life re-ceive;  
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver,  
ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.  
You we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
love you as your an-gels love,  
Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing,  
wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.

## JESUS CHRIST

4. Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion;  
pure and spot-less may we prove;  
Let us see your great sal-va-tion  
per-fect-ly re-stored in you;  
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be  
lost in won-der, love, and praise.

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27



# Change My Heart, O God

$\text{♩} = 100$   
C G/B F/A Dm Gsus C F/G

C B/G F/A Dm G<sup>7</sup> Am Em<sup>7</sup>/G

1. Change my heart, O God,___	make it ev - er true. ___
*2. Cleanse my soul, O God,___	wash it with your grace. ___
*3. Stir my mind, O God,___	move it to be - lieve. ___
*1. Change our hearts, O God,___	make them ev - er true. ___
*2. Cleanse our souls, O God,___	wash them with your grace. ___
*3. Stir our minds, O God,___	move them to be - lieve. ___

Fmaj<sup>7</sup> Cmaj<sup>7</sup>/E Dm G<sup>7</sup> C G<sup>7</sup>/B

Change my heart, O God,___	may I be like you. ___
Cleanse my soul, O God,___	ten - der your em - brace. ___
Stir my mind, O God,___	help me to per - ceive. ___
Cleanse our hearts, O God,___	may we be like you. ___
Cleanse our souls, O God,___	ten - der your em - brace. ___
Stir our minds, O God,___	help us to per - ceive. ___

## Chorus

Esus E Am Dm G Am Gadd<sup>9</sup>

You are the Pot - ter,	I am the clay. ___
You are the Pot - ter,	we are the clay. ___

F E Am Dm G/D D G Gsus G

Mold me and make___ me,	this is what I pray.
Mold us and make___ us,	this is what we pray.

C G/B F/A Dm Am

Change my heart, O God,___	make it ev - er true. ___
Change our hearts, O God,___	make them ev - er true. ___

F Dm<sup>7</sup> Gsus C G

Change my heart, O God, — may I be like you. —  
*Change our hearts, O God. —* *may we be like you. —*

Esus E Am Dm A

You are the Pot - ter, I am the clay. —  
*You are the Pot - ter,* *we are the clay. —*

Esus E Am Gsus/D D G

Mold me and make — me, this is what I pray.  
*Mold us and make — us,* *this is what we pray.*

C G/B F/A Dm G<sup>7</sup> Am Em/G

Change my heart, O God, — make it ev-er true. —  
*Change our hearts, O God, —* *make them ev-er true. —*

F Cmaj<sup>7</sup>/E Dm G C

Change my heart, O God, — may I be like you. —  
*Change our hearts, O God, —* *may we be like you. —*

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## My Life Flows on in Endless Song

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(How Can I Keep from Singing)

Anon. in *Bright Jewels for the Sunday School*,  
 ed. Robert Lowry, 1869; alt.  
 St. 3, Doris Plenn, c. 1957

1. My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,  
 I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.  
 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear the mu-sic ring-ing;  
 It finds an ech-o in my soul—how can I keep from sing-ing?
  
2. What though my joys and com-forts die? My Sav-ior still is liv-ing.  
 What though the shad-ows gath-er 'round? A new song Christ is  
     giv-ing.  
 No storm can shake my in-most calm, while to that Rock I'm  
     cling-ing;  
 Since Love com-mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from  
     sing-ing?
  
3. When ty-rants trem-ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells  
     ring-ing;  
 When friends re-joice both far and near, how can I keep from  
     sing-ing?  
 In pris-on cell and dun-geon vile our thoughts to them are wing-ing;  
 When friends by shame are un-de-filed, how can I keep from  
     sing-ing?
  
4. I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a-bove it;  
 And day by day this path-way smooths, since first I learned to  
     love it.

## COMFORT AND ASSURANCE

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er  
spring-ing;

All things are mine since I am Christ's—how can I keep from  
sing-ing?

Ps. 46:1–7; 1 Cor. 3:21–23; 2 Cor. 5:17