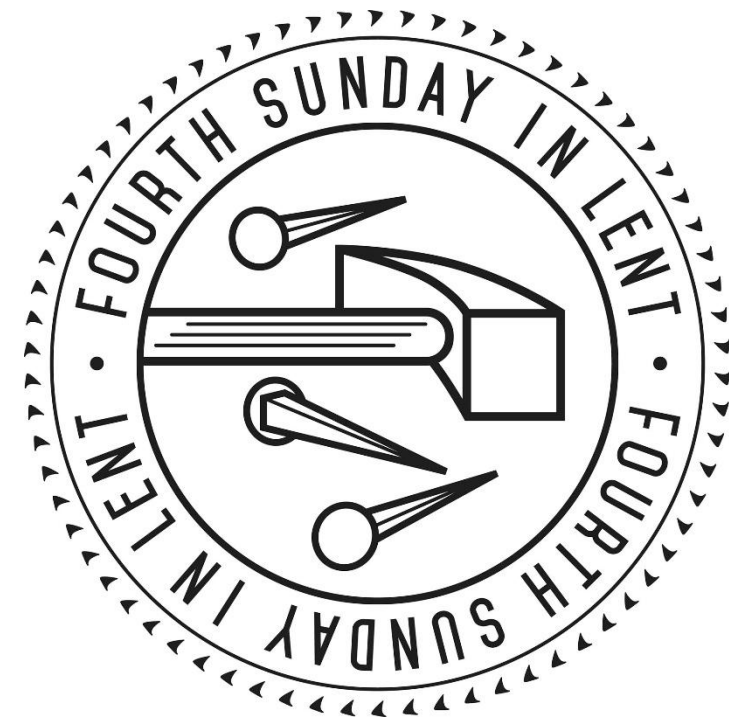


**MEADOWBROOK
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**



March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "Beautiful Savior" arr. by David Cherwien Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Richards

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

*Stand in body or spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Michele Fecht

Leader: Welcome friends, to this holy day!

People: **God has set this day before us, let us rejoice and be glad.**

Leader: The Lord has set our lives before us, a span of years in which we love, learn and serve!

People: **The Spirit walks with us in this season of Lent, that we might live fully and welcome**

God's embrace.

All: **Come. Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.**

GATHERING HYMN "This Is My Father's World" #263

***UNISON INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** Michele Fecht

*Lord God, you are the one who runs toward us, with arms wide open. Jesus you are the one who is with us even when we are far away from you. Spirit of God, you are the one who encircles us with gladness and shouts of joy. Make us prodigals, open to your newness and far reaching grace. We pray now the prayer we are taught:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Lead Me, Lord" #402

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 32: 1-8 | Page #506 OT Michele Fecht

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Christ Hath a Garden" by K. Lee Scott Sanctuary Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Chris Richards

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "Largo" from the *New World Symphony* by Antonin Dvorák Dave Howland

***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15: 11-32 | Page #78 NT Rev. Chris Richards

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

MESSAGE "Worth Looking For" (The Prodigal Life) Rev. Chris Richards

***SENDING HYMN** "Amazing Grace" #334

BENEDICTION (The Psalmist's Blessing)

"Where can we go O Lord to escape from your spirit? If we ascend to the high place

or the lowest, you O Father God, YOU ARE THERE! AMEN!" (Psalm 139) Rev. Chris Richards

POSTLUDE "Allegro Spiritoso" by W.T. Best Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Sanctuary Choir and Danny Reeves
TECHNICIAN: Scott Hokett | **GREETER:** Carrie Skronek | **LITURGIST:** Michele Fecht

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service for coffee, treats and fellowship. Hosts this morning are Carol Riddell and Dave and Gail McKillop.

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Phone / Email _____

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