



Sunday, March 30  
**Prodigal Grace**  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

lake harriet  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Walking Together the  
Words and Ways of Jesus

# Inclusive, Intergenerational, and In Community

Walking together the words and ways of Jesus. We welcome all God's children whatever their race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability. Following Christ's example, we open our hearts, minds, and doors to welcome all.

## No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

If you are young or old, you are welcome.

If you have brown skin, black skin, white skin, or any color of skin, you are welcome.

If you are married or single, you are welcome.

If you are gay, straight, transgender-whatever pronouns you use, you are welcome.

If you are sick or well, you are welcome.

If you are a perfect person, then you probably don't need a church, but if you are like us and are imperfect, mistake-making, still-trying, need all the encouragement I can get kind of person, then this is a community for you and you are welcome.

If you sing like a rock star or an opera singer, or you can not sing at all, you are welcome.

Whenever you arrived and however you came here, you are welcome.

If you believe in God some of the time or all of the time, or you're just beginning to explore who God is, you are welcome.

Come with your gifts, your pain, your hope, your fears.

Come with traditions that have helped you and hurt you.

Come with your experiences that have made you and broken you.

Come with a mind, ready to engage, and a heart, open to discern.

Come and listen for the Holy Spirit that calls you to love your neighbor wholeheartedly, seek justice, create peace and practice compassion.

## You are welcome here!

*Adapted from a welcome by Gordon Brown, published in Shaping Sanctuary*



# Connect with Us



## Let Us Know You Are Here

Please register your attendance through the welcome pad.



## Enewsletter

Stay informed by subscribing to our enews and view the latest enews.



## Visit Us Online

Stay informed, register for ministry events, give online, and more.



## Prayer Requests

Let our staff pray for you and others in your life (prayers are confidential).



## Share your talents

The opportunities abound to help your community, find where you fit.



## WiFi

Access the church's WiFi with the password: LHUMCGuest.



## Hearing Enhancement Aids

T-coil hearing assistance is available throughout the Sanctuary. Turn your hearing aid to the T (telephone) position or see a sound team member at the back of the sanctuary for wireless headphones.

# welcome to worship!

Please note the following, the congregation reads/sings/prays the words in bold-faceprint and the ↑ symbol invites you to rise in body and/or spirit.

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING SONG

Fill My Cup, Lord

UMH 641

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and  
quench this thirst-ing of my soul. Bread of heav-en, feed me till I  
want no more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

## ↑ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all ye faithful...

**All: to worship, praise, and pray.**

One: Come, all ye unfaithful...

**All: for God's love welcomes us home.**

One: Come into the presence of Christ...

**All: for Christ's grace makes us new and whole.**

One: Come, let us worship.

↑ SONG

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

verses

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me I  
 (2. 'Twas) grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved. How  
 (3. The) Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures. He

once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. 2. 'Twas  
 pre - cious did that grace ap - pear, the hour I first be -  
 will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en

2. chorus

lieved. My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Sa - vior has ran - somed  
 dures.

me. And like a flood, His mer - cy rains un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace.

(back to v. 3) D.C. | 2. (back to chorus) D.S. | 3. tag

3. The grace. My chains are grace. Un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace.

SHARE A GREETING

RAINBOW CHAT

SONG

We Remember Love

We re - mem - ber Je - sus, we re - mem - ber love. Sav - ior and teach - er

sent from God a - bove. We re - mem - ber Je - sus, we re - mem - ber love.

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY



### OFFERING BOX

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### GIVE ONLINE

by visiting our website at [lakeharrietumc.org](http://lakeharrietumc.org)



### SCAN THE QR CODE

with your smartphone camera



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Minneapolis, MN  
55410

## OFFERTORY

Let All Things Now Living

(arr. Cathy Moglebust)  
Festival Bells

## ↑ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know; Praise  
Spir - it through whom our hearts grow; Praise Three-in-One, from here be - low. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: God of open doors,  
We often long to come home to you,  
to love, and to ourselves,  
but we aren't always sure how to get there.  
We know that we need you,  
but the road back to you is heavy with distractions.  
So if we can dare to be so forward, we pray:



**All: Reach into the cacophony of our hearts and minds and make yourself known.  
Quiet everything but Your Word for us to  
Leave us awestruck.  
Drown out the distractions.  
Come as thunder or come as a still, small voice;  
we don't care which, we just pray that you will come.  
Turn on the light.  
Speak through these words.  
Find the parts of us that are lost.  
With hope we pray, Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

Corinthians 5:16-21

New Revised Standard Version  
Updated Edition

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 no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! 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 God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:1-3

New Revised Standard Version  
Updated Edition

*The Parable of the Lost Sheep*

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable:

*The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother*

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' ' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still

far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

**MESSAGE**

“Full to the Brim: Prodigal Grace”

Rev. Karen Bruins

**PRAYER SONG**

Calm Me Lord

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still me, Lord,

keep me from harm. Let all the tu-mult with - in me cease; en - fold me,

1. Lord, in your peace. 2. Lord, en - fold me in your peace.



## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: If you ask any parent with a teenager what it's like to wait up for their child to meet curfew, they will tell you - they're standing at the door. The porch light is on. No one can sleep until that child is home safe.

Friends, I think God is like that for us. The porch light is on. The door is unlocked. We might be late for curfew, but God is just so glad we're home.

So let us pray the prayer of confession together, trusting that no matter what we do, or what we leave undone, the porch light is on. Let us pray.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name.  
It sounds like ours.  
And we know his story.  
It sounds like ours.  
For who among us hasn't burned a bridge?  
Who among us hasn't forgotten that we belong to one another?  
Who among us has not ached for home?  
The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name.  
Forgive us God. We want to come home.**

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Family of faith, the word 'prodigal' can be defined as wasteful or imprudent, hence the name, "Prodigal Son". However, 'prodigal' can also be described as extravagant and excessive.

Friends, we worship a prodigal God - a God who is extravagant in mercy and excessive in grace.

For no matter how many times we run, no matter how far we go or how lost we get, God is standing at the end of the driveway waiting for us. The doors are open. The feast is for you. This grace is extravagant.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Unison) **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.**

# HEALING PRAYERS

On the fifth Sunday of a five-Sunday month, Lake Harriet sets aside time for prayer. We pray for healing for ourselves, those we love, and our world. If you wish, you may light a candle. You may also choose to be anointed with oil. No one will ask what you are praying for today. We trust that the God who loves and knows us intimately knows your prayer.

## MUSIC

Run to the Father

Shout Band

## ↑ SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning To End)

verses

1. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God, my Fa-ther; There is no  
2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest; sun, moon and  
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth. Thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee. Thou chang-est not, Thy com-pas-sions they  
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in man-i-fold  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide. Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-

fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
wit-ness to Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.  
mor-row; bless-ings all mine with ten thou-sand be - side.

Be - gin - ning to end my life in Your hands. Great,  
 great is Your faith - ful - ness. You nev - er let go. This one thing I know:  
 Great, great is Your faith - ful - ness. ness. Be -  
 ness. Oh, great, great is Your faith - ful - ness. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!  
 Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have  
 need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## ↑ BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world. May you laugh, and may it be contagious.

May you overflow with love for those around you.

May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy. And in all of your living, and breathing, and being, may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit, and may it change your life.

In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself— go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

# Worship Leaders

**Pastor:** Rev. Karen Bruins  
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**Director of Bell Choirs:** Thomas Johanson  
**Musicians:** Festival Bells, Shout Band  
**Liturgy & Scripture Reader:** Kim Grant  
**Streaming:** Michael Perry  
**Greeters:** Ken Larson, Jane Kammerman  
**Hospitality:** Elizabeth Melton and Lorrie Sandelin

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### ART

**New in Christ** - by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman. Inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. Digital painting

**SUNDAY TO SUNDAY**

# This Week at Lake Harriet

**SUNDAY MARCH 30**

- 9:30am In Person and Online Worship - Healing Prayers
- 10:30am Godly Play(3yrs - 3rd Grade) - Godly Play Room
- 10:40am Contemplative Practices - Reception Room
- 10:45am By Faith Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Science and Religion Book Study - Zoom

**TUESDAY APRIL 1**

- 10:00am Knitting(crafting) Group - Commons
- 7:00pm Men's Forum - Wesley Room

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 2**

- NO DINNER - Spring Break
- NO CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAMS - Spring Break
- 6:30pm Festival Bells Rehearsal - Bell Room
- 6:30pm Shout band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Easter Choir/ Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**THURSDAY APRIL 3**

- 7:00pm UWF Book Club - Zoom

**FRIDAY APRIL 4**

- 9:00am Beyond the Nest Group - Fireside Room

**SUNDAY APRIL 6**

- 9:30am In Person and Online Worship
- 10:30am Godly Play (3 yrs - 3rd grade) - Godly Play Room
- 10:40am Contemplative Practices - Reception Room
- 11:00am Science and Religion Book Study - Zoom
- 11:00am Worship at the Waters
- 2:00pm Bible Black Belts - BBB Dojo Room



**WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT (NO MEAL APRIL 2)**

## Lenten Soup Suppers

There will be a **Lenten Soup Supper** provided each Wednesday night during Lent from 5:15-6:15pm through April 16, skipping April 2.



To register please scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/wednesday-suppers](https://bit.ly/wednesday-suppers)



**APRIL 6 - 20**

## Protein Food Drive

Outreach is hosting a Protein Drive to help with the needs at the Joyce Uptown Foodshelf. The drive will run **April 6 through Easter Sunday, April 20th**.

We will be collecting the following protein items:

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Sardines
- Spam
- Boxed shelf-stable Tofu

Please drop items off at the display in the lobby of the church.





**APRIL 6 2PM**

## Bible Black Belts NEW DATE

We are revamping our Bible Black Belt class to a once a month session on Sunday afternoons. Our first one, covering “What is the Bible and How Do I Use It?”, takes place on a new date: **April 6**. We'll meet at church at 2pm, have a little lesson, then head over to the MOA for a mini-golf session.

Cost of the trip is \$15.00. Scholarships are available if needed. Please register to attend:



*To register please scan the QR code*



**APRIL 13 10:30AM**

## Help make sandwiches for the Dignity Center

Outreach will be holding a sandwich making session after worship at 10:30am in our new downstairs Kitchen on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. We will be making approx 200 sandwiches to be delivered to the Dignity Center on Monday! Please join us!



**MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

## A Taste of Lake Harriet

Learn more about our mission, values, ministry and membership. Grab a cup of coffee/tea, a cookie and join in the Wesley Room, all are welcome!

**Palm Sunday, April 13, 10:30am**

RSVP for the class by scanning the QR code or online: [bit.ly/LH-membership-class](https://bit.ly/LH-membership-class)





**YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE**

## Easter Choir

You'll get to sing at the two identical services at 9 and 11 am on Easter Sunday with an option of singing at the Good Friday service.

The rehearsals are on Wednesdays, April 2, 9 and 16 at 7:30pm or you can arrange a personal practice time with Jungjoo.

If you are interested, talk to or email Jungjoo at [jungjoo.park@lakeharrietumc.org](mailto:jungjoo.park@lakeharrietumc.org).



**APRIL 18 7PM**

## Poured Out

**A Good Friday Worship Experience**

April 18 - 7:00pm at Lake Harriet UMC.

Experience Good Friday from the perspective of men and women who were part of the last week of Jesus' life.

Drama, music, Scripture and Communion will draw us into the story.



**SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 13, 10:40-11:30 AM**

## Lent Contemplative Practices Group

*Facilitators Sherry Landrud and Heather Sesma*

Come join us this Lent as we journey together towards the joy of Easter. Lent is a special time for reflection and getting ready for renewal.

Over the six Sundays, we will gather after worship to explore different ways to connect with our faith through contemplative practices. No matter where you're at or how you're feeling this season, we offer a chance to slow down amidst the busyness of life and listen for God's voice. Everyone is welcome to participate as we learn and grow together.



### REGISTER

Please register for an accurate count of attendees: [bit.ly/connection-groups](http://bit.ly/connection-groups)



SUNDAY, APRIL 27 10:30 AM

## Learning Session: Immigration Law

Ever wondered what the difference is between “asylum seeker”, “Immigrant”, and “Refugee”?

Retired Judge Joseph Dierkes of the Executive Office for Immigration Review - U.S. Immigration Court will give us an overview of immigration law and how it works.

- Ever wondered what the difference is between “asylum seeker”, “Immigrant”, and “Refugee”?
- How long does it take to become a U.S. Citizen? Can asylum seekers work? Do they qualify for benefits like S.N.A.P.?
- How can we, as people of faith, become involved with the process?



**Come with your curiosity and your questions!**

Share questions ahead of time: fill out the form below by scanning the QR code or going online:

[bit.ly/immigration-law-question](http://bit.ly/immigration-law-question)

A colorful graphic for an Easter Egg Hunt. It features a red stamp that says "UPDATE" in white. The main title "EASTER EGG HUNT" is in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline. Below it, the date "April 20" is in a blue script font, and the times "10am &amp; 10:30am" are in a purple script font. The text "Kids and Youth join us for an egg hunt, games, and craft activities" is in a blue sans-serif font. At the bottom, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains the text "at Lake Harriet UMC" in white. The background is white with light blue confetti and colorful Easter egg patterns in purple, red, and blue.

# Sermon Notes

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