

**Full to the Brim { Prodigal Grace
March 27, 2022**



first  **congregational**
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
timeless worship + modern faith

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 27, 2022

10:00 am

Nothing can save us that is possible. ~ Auden

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton & Davi Weasley

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amelia Bacon

One Voice: God's reach is endless.

All Voices: God's mercy is unstoppable.

One Voice: God's grace is lavish.

All Voices: God's love is constant.

One Voice: God's wisdom is vast.

All Voices: God's hope is stubborn.

One Voice: God's presence is here-

All Voices: With us, among us, moving through us.

One Voice: Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

All Voices: We are in God's house, wherever we are.

One Voice: Let us worship the one that welcomes us home.

PASSING THE PEACE

If you're willing to come to the microphone and offer "The peace of Christ" or "May God's peace be with you" or some other words of grace, please note you are also sending your message to those worshipping online. If you're in the pews wave or show another contact-free sign of peace.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amelia Bacon

One Voice: Some of us have had the experience of waiting up for a child to come home- maybe standing at the door. Maybe with the porch light on. Maybe not being able to sleep until that child is home safe.

Friends, God is like that for us. The porch light is on. The door is unlocked. We might be late for curfew, but God is 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 welcoming arms are always there, waiting to welcome us home. Let us pray:

All Voices: **God forgive us, when we have turned our backs on love.**

For when we have burned bridges.

For when we have forgotten that we belong to one another.

For when we have ached for home but not returned to welcome.

Forgive us, God. We want to come home.

KYRIE

Luke D. Rosen

*Ostinato Refrain

1. Ký-ri - e, e - lé - i-son. Ký-ri - e, e - lé - i-son.

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

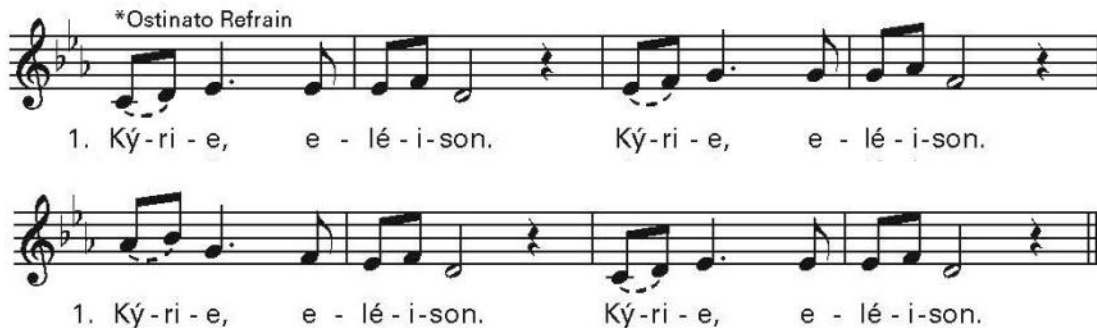
Sharon Benton

Keep humming the Kyrie as we receive these words...

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Benton

The Prayer of Jesus

We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:

“Our Creator,” “Our Father” or “Our Mother.”

Our Creator

**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 and ever. Amen.

*If you have a prayer request you'd like to share confidentially with our pastors,
have added to the confidential prayer list, or spoken aloud in worship,
go to <https://www.fccb.net/contact-us/> to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

by John Bell



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall



be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949
Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949

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MOMENT FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Mission & Justice Board

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
New Revised Standard Version

Amelia Bacon

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Amelia Bacon

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Ted Huffman

SUNG RESPONSE

"May the Love of God Fill You"

by Tom Hunter

We invite people worshipping in person to hum this tune.

May the love of God fill you from your
head town to your toes. May it wa - ale through your find - ers and
dance up - on your nose. May the peo - ple all a - round you help you
live so lov - ing grows. May the love of God fill you up un -
til it o - ver flows.

SERMON

"Full to the Brim { Prodigal Grace"

Davi Weasley

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"It Is Well With My Soul"

arr. Jason W. Krug

Handbell Choir

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Amelia Bacon

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Offertory

Judy Widrig

BENEDICTION

Sharon Benton

POSTLUDE

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Cover Image Artist's Statement: *Inexplicable Joy* by Hannah Garrity. Inspired by Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. Paper lace. Artist statement: *This image depicts the joyful motion of a party, the lights in particular ... Thinking about an expansive Lent as I worked on this paper lace, this image became all about joy. Joy that is misunderstood. Joy as an act of resistance. Inexplicable joy. In an expansive understanding, the joy that the father is experiencing makes sense. He shows an uncharacteristic willingness to celebrate inexplicably with joy.*

Open and Affirming (ONA): As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We Try To Use Language which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

Technical Support: If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

Pastoral staff are available by appointment virtually, or in person with masks. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line,
360-733-4255

Sharon: sharon@fccb.net

Davi: davi@fccb.net

You can also email our Office Manager
Cydne at office@fccb.net
and she'll pass your message on.

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