

March 1st, 2015
Second Sunday of Lent

THE PARABLES OF LENT

RECEIVE THE TREASURE

THE PARABLE *of the* HIDDEN
TREASURE *and the* PRICELESS PEARL



The Federated Church of Paxton
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prelude

*Bringing in the Light of Christ

*Opening Hymn

We listen as the Word like scattered seed is sown,
For as each parable is heard Christ's kingdom is made known.

A treasure that is found, discovered in a field,
Once buried deep beneath the ground, will untold riches yield.

In ev'ry time of need, before the judgment throne,
Your work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, your merits, not my own.

*Opening Prayer

One: In this holy season the Son of God humbles himself so that we receive mercy.

All: Humble me once again, O God, that my life would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

One: In this holy season the Son of God abandons all the glory of heaven to pay the price for us, his most precious treasure.

All: Grant me the grace, O God, to treasure all others as you have treasured me.

One: In this holy season the Son of God enters into his Passion and death so that we are exalted.

All: Grant me your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

Let us listen to our Savior as his parables unfold,
Learning what he has to teach us, bearing fruit a hundredfold.
Buried treasure is uncovered, hidden deep beneath the ground.
When with joy the wealth is found, all that once had held such value
Has no worth that can compare to the treasure buried there.

Confession and Absolution

One: Too often we treasure the things of this world more than the kingdom of God. Let us confess the sins of our hearts and lives to our Lord who hears and forgives:

**All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

All: Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful. We value possessions more than we value your grace. We value the things of this world more than we value treasures that are stored in heaven. We value money and wealth more than we value your Word. We show by what we do and by what we leave undone that we are undeserving of heavenly treasure. By our selfishness we have sinned against you and against others in thought, word and deed. Forgive us, most holy God.

All: The Lord Jesus gave up the glory of heaven and came into this world to purchase you with his holy and righteous blood. His perfect life, crushing crucifixion and glorious resurrection mean complete forgiveness for the sins of our hearts and lives. Because he treasures you more than all the riches of heaven, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:1-9

Epistle Reading Philippians 3:2-11

Anthem

***Gospel Reading** Matthew 13:44-46

Message

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn *"Break Thou the Bread of Life"* PH, #239

Offering (*Bring forth and drop in plate as you come for communion*)

Sharing at the Table

Petitions *Let each petition end with the following response:*

One: Giver of all good gifts,

All: thank you for making us your treasure.

***Closing Hymn** *"Take My Life"* PH, #391

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, March 1st

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am (Elder, Doug)

March Bday/Ann Fellowship

PC & Don to seminar in Dubuque
till Wed. 3/4/15

Wednesday, March 4th

PAMA Meeting, Noon - 2pm

Office Hours, 2pm - 6pm

Soup & Cookies, 6:00pm

Lenten Devotions, 6:30pm

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

Thursday, March 5th

UCC Clergy Mtg at Fed., 10am-Noon

Clergy to Arcade, Noon - 2pm

Sunday, March 8th

Daylight Saving Time Begins

(Set your clocks ahead 1 hour)

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Worship, 10:00am

MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4th - Delores Turner

6th - Shannon Satterlee

10th - Alex Goudy

12th - Mike Goudy

13th - Sue Moore

18th - Jim & Robin Niewold Ann.

23rd - Greg Anderson

26th - Susan Satterlee

27th - Victor Johnson



Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders

March - Funks

April - Taylors

***Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing and faith
for these friends and family members***

Janet Goudy, David Clampitt, Kevin Rossler, Mike Johnsen,
Gayle Dunahee, Matthew Swearingen, Barb Legener, Ann Cofel

Homebound or in Adult Health Care Facilities

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

**For the month of March, please bring peanut butter, canned fruit & cereal
for the Food Pantry.**

As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.

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