

March 15th, 2015  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

# THE PARABLES OF LENT

RECEIVE GRACE

THE PARABLE *of the*  
WORKERS *in the* VINEYARD



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      *"Let Us With Gladsome Mind"*

PH, #244

### \*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 reminds us that his heavenly Father provides us with everything we need, though we deserve nothing.

**All: Remind me, O God, of the privilege it is to serve in your kingdom and of your grace that provides everything that I need, though it is undeserved.**

**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.  
Workers needed in the vineyard had agreed to work the day,  
But when they received their pay, all received as equal wages  
From the Master's gracious hand pay that he alone had planned.

### \*Confession and Absolution

**One:** Too often in our selfishness we feel as though we deserve more than we receive. Let us confess the sins of our hearts and lives to our Lord who hears and forgives:

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful.**

**We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.**

**We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. Far too often we feel as though we are slighted and deserve more than we receive. We are mistaken when we think that we ought to make great gain for simply doing what we have been called to do as your children. By**

*\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

**our selfishness we have sinned against you and against others in thought, word and deed. Forgive us, most holy God.**

**One:** The Lord Jesus came into this world to take upon himself that which he did not deserve: he took on our suffering and death as a punishment for our sin and selfishness. Because he got what he did not deserve on the cross, we get what we do not deserve: forgiveness, life and salvation. Receive now the priceless gift he paid for: all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Sermon Hymn**

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

Although you tend the vine, and labor all the day,  
Should I not pay with what is mine, my grace and love display?

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

**Old Testament Reading**          Isaiah 11:1-9

**Epistle Reading**                Romans 9:14-24

### **Anthem**

**\*Gospel Reading**             Matthew 20:1-16

### **Message**

### **Offering**

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

**One:** Master of the kingdom,

**All: Thank you for your grace.**

**\*Closing Hymn**          "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

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### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Today, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am  
Confirmation, 9:00am  
Youth Sunday School, 9:30am  
Worship, 10:00am

## **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm

## **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

PC on Sabbath

## **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Office Hours, 2pm - 6pm  
Soup & Cookies, 6:00pm  
Lenten Devotions, 6:30pm  
Choir Practice, 7:00pm

## **Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Office Hours, 8am - Noon  
Prayer Shawl Gathering, 6:30pm at  
Vicki Cole's Home

## **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am  
Confirmation, 9:00am  
Youth Sunday School, 9:30am  
Worship, 10:00am  
Heartland Srvc, 1:30pm (Elder, Greg)

# 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

May - Goudys

## ***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

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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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