

March 29th, 2015
Palm Sunday

THE PARABLES OF LENT

RECEIVE LOVE

THE PARABLE *of*
the LOST SHEEP



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



Blessing of the Palms *(Please rise with your waving palm branch)*

One: When we were lost our Savior sought us out, found us and rested us on his shoulders.

All: Our palms are raised in glory and honor to the One who has sought us out only and especially because he loves us.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God who found us, bless these branches raised in your name and to your glory, that they would be used as a way of honoring your sacrifice and giving you praise. Be present in our praise that the words of grace you speak to us would resound back to you in shouts of joy and songs of acclaim. In the great name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***Palm Sunday Reading** John 12:12-15

***Opening Hymn** *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* PH, #88

***Confession and Absolution**

One: As Jesus enters Jerusalem and this Holy Week begins, our hearts are turned to the Lord in repentant confession, for it is our sin that draws him to the cross and causes him to give his life.

All: Most merciful God, like lost sheep we have strayed from you. Because of our sinfulness and selfishness we have sought the things that give us pleasure instead of following after the things that show our faith in you and our love for others. We are lost in the wilderness of our sin by what we think, say and do, and by the things that we leave undone. Out of your great love and mercy, find us, your lost sheep, forgive us of our sin and grant us your grace, mercy and forgiveness.

One: Like a shepherd who searches for a lost sheep, Jesus came searching for us in the midst of our sin solely because he desired to give us what we need the most: the forgiveness of all of our sins. He came from heaven to earth to accomplish this monumental task. Because we were lost in sin, Jesus' searching heart found us and now forgives us. Because of the sacrifice of the Good Shepherd, all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Rite of Confirmation

One: We invite to come forward those who wish to affirm their Baptism by being confirmed.

One: *Words spoken by Pastor.*

***All:** Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God by affirming our faith as we recite the Apostle's Creed....

**All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

*Confirmands' Prayer

O God, my God,
known to me in Jesus Christ,
I give myself to you as your own,
to love and to serve you faithfully
all the days of my life. AMEN.

Act of Confirmation

Address

*Welcome

One: Let us the members of the Federated Church express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We promise you our continuing friendship & prayers as we share the hopes & labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge & love and be witnesses of our Risen Christ.

Jim: In the name of Jesus Christ, & on behalf of Federated Church we extend to you the hand of christian love.

Sermon Hymn

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

We wander our own ways, but Jesus seeks the lost.
With his own blood the price he pays, his life the precious cost.

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 66:12-14

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 2:13-25

Anthem

*Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-7

Message

Offering

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

One: Good Shepherd and Seeker of the lost,

All: thank you for finding and redeeming me..

*Closing Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

PH, #89

*Benediction

*Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Mar. 29th - Sat. Apr. 4th
HOLY WEEK

Today, March 29th
Palm Sunday & Confirmation

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am
Worship, 10:00am

Wednesday, April 1st
Choir Practice, 7:00pm

Thursday, April 2nd
Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30pm
(Elder, Jim Niewold)

Friday, April 3rd
Federated Sanctuary Open for Prayer,
Noon - 3:00pm

Community Good Friday Service,
Paxton Church of Christ, 7:00pm

Sunday, April 5th
Easter
Easter Sunday Breakfast, 8:30am
Worship, 10:00am (Elder, Kammy)

MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4th - Delores Turner
- 6th - Shannon Satterlee
- 10th - Alex Goudy
- 12th - Mike Goudy 
- 13th - Sue Moore
- 16th - Joyce Clampitt
- 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

**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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