

March 8th, 2015
Third Sunday of Lent

THE PARABLES OF LENT

RECEIVE MERCY

THE PARABLE *of the*
GOOD SAMARITAN



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.

The stranger's need was known, and which one of the three
Had mercy and so he alone a neighbor proved to be?

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 demonstrates that he is the most perfect neighbor to us by serving us with his very life.

All: Live through me, O God, that I would be a neighbor when I encounter anyone in need.

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.

When a trav'ler fell to robbers and was left alone to die,
Priest and Levite passed him by. Then a stranger came in mercy,
Bound his wounds and paid for care, for he saw his neighbor there.

*Confession and Absolution

One: Too often we fail to be a neighbor to those who most need us.
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 when we see

**All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

those in need we pass by on the other side. Our thoughts focus only on ourselves, and we fail to love and serve as you have called us. By 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 be a holy neighbor for all of humankind. His perfect life, crushing crucifixion and glorious resurrection mean complete forgiveness for the sins of our hearts and lives. Because he was beaten and left for dead on the cross, 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 Leviticus 19:13-18

Epistle Reading Romans 13:8-10

Anthem

***Gospel Reading** Luke 10:25-37

Message

Offering

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

One: Perfect neighbor to those in need,

All: Show us your mercy.

***Closing Hymn** *"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, March 8th

Daylight Saving Time Begins
(Set your clocks ahead 1 hour)

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

Wednesday, March 11th

Office Hours, 2pm - 6pm

Soup & Cookies, 6:00pm

Lenten Devotions, 6:30pm

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

Thursday, March 12th

Office Hours, 8am - Noon

Sunday, March 15th

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

Monday, March 16th

Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm

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

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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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