

March 9th, 2014
First Sunday of Lent

RESTORED IN CHRIST

BROKEN VESSEL



The Federated Church of Paxton
6:30 p.m. Worship Service



Restored in Christ - Broken Vessel

* **Opening Hymn** *“Take My Life”*

PH, #391

* **Opening Litany** (*responsively*)

One: God surrounds and overwhelms us with a world that is rich in sensory experiences.

All: We see and we hear, we feel and we taste, we smell and we delight in the goodness of God.

One: We see the rich blue of the vast sky above us, we hear the simple song of the sparrow.

All: We see and we hear, we feel and we taste, we smell and we delight in the goodness of God.

One: We feel the warmth of the sun on our face, we taste the sharp and sweet juice of the orange.

All: We see and we hear, we feel and we taste, we smell and we delight in the goodness of God.

One: We smell the rich promise of rain-soaked land and the fragrant blossoms of spring.

All: We see and we hear, we feel and we taste, we smell and we delight in the goodness of God.

One: Every day, God sends so many gifts, so many reminders of his abundant grace and love for us, his creatures.

Confession and Absolution

One: Not all that we experience with our senses brings joy and delight

All: We see and hear and smell much that brings sorrow, disgust and regret.

One: Indeed, we see violence, we hear angry shouts, we smell decay and death—and we encounter all this not only in the world, but in our own lives. So we pause, and we confess the reality of the failure and brokenness that invades our lives.

All: Lord, you gave us a beautiful world, but it is so often filled with what is ugly and repulsive. I am so often filled with what is ugly and repulsive. You bless freely, and I am reluctant to share. You shower gifts without measure, and I am grudging in my gratitude. You are wildly liberal in your generosity, and I am miserly and

selfish in my response. I fall so short of what I should be. What I see, hear and smell brings grief and shame.

One: God sees your reality and hears your confession. And because Jesus has given everything for you, God forgives your failure and removes your shame. He makes you whole again. He makes you fresh and new and able to do what he gives you to do. Delight in the rich reality of God's grace.

All: Amen.

***Hymn** *"His Eye is on the Sparrow"*

FOG, #210

1st Reading Exodus 30:30-33

2nd Reading 1 Samuel 16:11-13

Gospel Reading Mark 14:1-9

Youth Moment

Sermon

Offering

Prayers (*Each petition ends with the following response:*)

One: Christ who heals all brokenness,

All: Restore the broken vessels of ourselves.

***Closing Hymn** *"Jesu, Meines Lebens Leben "*

Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through thy suff'rings, death and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

***Benediction**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, March 9th
First Sunday of Lent**

Worship, 10:00am
Youth Group, 5:00pm

Wednesday, March 12th

Church Office Hours, 1:00-6:00pm
Lenten Meal, 6:00pm
Lenten Devotion, 6:30pm
Choir Practice, 7:00pm

Thursday, March 13th

Church Office Hours, 8:00am-Noon

Sunday, March 16th

Adult Sunday School, 8:45am
Confirmation, 9:00am
Youth Sunday School, 9:30am
Worship, 10:00am

March

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4th - Delores Turner**
6th - Shannon Satterlee
10th - Alex Goudy
12th - Mike Goudy
13th - Alan Turner
18th - Jim & Robin Niewold Ann.
23rd - Greg Anderson
26th - Susan Satterlee
27th - Victor Johnson



Communion Elder List for Sunday Worship

April 17th/Maundy Thursday
Doug & Deana Niewold

April 20th/Easter - Jackie Roy

May 4th - Vicki Cole

June 8th/Pentecost - Jim Niewold

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

Kitty Anderson, Robin Niewold, Jeff & Barb Legener

Continued Health of Cancer Treatment Patients

Janet Goudy, Alan Turner, Ivan Andreae

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

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

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

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