

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

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\* **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 9<sup>th</sup>  
First Sunday of Lent**

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

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Church Office Hours, 8:00am-Noon

**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

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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