

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 27, 2022

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly

WELCOME

SILENT REFLECTION

GLORIA PATRI | STANDING

Eternal One

E - ter - nal One, the source of mer - cy,  
Je - sus Christ, be - lov - ed Son,  
Ho - ly Spir - - it, gen - tle whis - per:  
Praise to you, the Three - in - One!

## CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

Turn towards the Father,

**who runs out to meet us even if we feel far off.**

Turn towards the Son,

**who reconciles us to God making us all a new creation.**

Turn towards the Spirit,

**who meets with us here filling us with hope and peace.**

Father, Son and Spirit,

**we turn towards you**

**with expectant minds and hopeful hearts.**

## HYMN | STANDING

## Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
3. O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,



call - ing for you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's  
plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and  
prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has



wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me. \_\_\_\_  
heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me? \_\_\_\_  
mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me. \_\_\_\_



"Come home, \_ come home! \_ You who are wea - ry, come home." \_



Ear nest ly, ten - der ly, Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Iona Community

God our Creator,  
your kindness has brought us  
the gift of a new morning.  
Help us to leave yesterday,  
and not to covet tomorrow  
but to accept the uniqueness of today.  
By your love,  
take from us what we need to carry no longer,  
so that we may be free again  
to choose to serve you.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### CHORAL RESPONSE

The Road Home

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own  
That I left, that I lost so long ago?  
All these years I have wandered, Oh, when will I know  
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?  
  
Through the air there's a calling from far away,  
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.  
  
Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call,  
With the love in your heart as the only song;  
There is no such beauty as where you belong;  
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

## LISTENING

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Children are dismissed to K-6 Sunday School following the scripture reading.*

**SERMON**

*God's Throwing a Party - You're Invited*

Rev. Paul Gilmore

**RESPONDING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Were It Not For Grace

Daniel Rausch, soloist

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | STANDING**

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**We believe in a bright and amazing God,  
who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf;  
who has risen in splendor and majesty;  
who decorates the universe  
with sparkling water, clear bright light,  
twinkling stars and sharp colors,  
over and over again.**

**We believe that Jesus is the light of the world;  
that God believes in us, and trusts us,  
even though we make the same mistakes  
over and over again.**

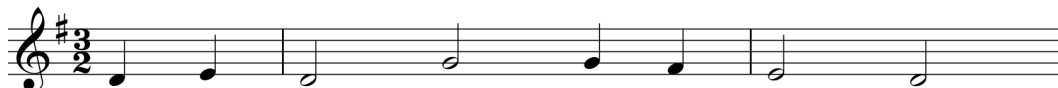
**We commit ourselves to Jesus,  
to one another as sisters and brothers,  
and to the Maker's business in the world.  
Amen.**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**SONG OF FELLOWSHIP | STANDING**

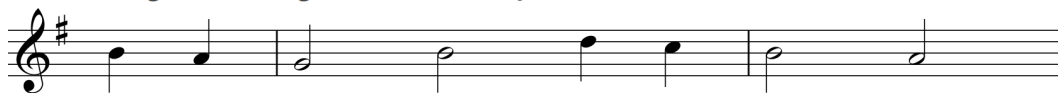
There Is Now a New Creation



1. There is now a new cre - a - tion  
 2. Call the lost and found to - geth - er;  
 3. Wrap the pro - di - gal in wel - come;  
 4. Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion;  
 5. There is now a new cre - a - tion



through the grace of Je - sus\_\_\_\_ Christ,  
 tell the news to ev - 'ry - one:  
 run to greet the way - ward\_\_\_\_ child.  
 come and join this hap - py\_\_\_\_ feast;  
 through the grace of Je - sus\_\_\_\_ Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion  
 now the past is gone for - ev - er  
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en;  
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion  
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion,



with the God of end - less life.  
 and a new life has be - gun.  
 let us now be re - con - ciled.  
 to the great - est and the least.  
 to the God of end - less life!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
 Amen.

# SENDING

CLOSING SONG | STANDING

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sign up at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org) to receive our weekly email for all the latest WPC news.*

### CELTIC SPIRITUALITY CLASS TODAY

Sundays, @ 11:10am (Conference Room B)

Come learn about our Celtic ancestors in the faith. The class is a prelude to our church trip to Scotland in June, but it is open not only to our travelers but to the whole congregation.

### SING IN THE CHOIR FOR EASTER!

Rehearsals: April 3 @ 8:45am and April 7 @ 7:15pm

It's not too late to join the choir! We will be singing on Palm Sunday (April 10) and Easter (April 17). If you're a singer (or have always wanted to be one!), we have a place in the choir for you. Our two rehearsals will be on Sunday, April 3 (8:45am) and Thursday, April 7 (7:15pm). You can contact Geoff Duffy if you have any questions.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

Maybe you've been coming to WPC for a while and have just never made it "official." Or maybe you're brand new, but you know this is your new church home. Wherever you are on your journey, we want to invite you to consider becoming a member of WPC! If you're interested in finding out more about membership, please contact Pastor Paul Gilmore.

## EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Check your weekly email or click the "Give Online" button on the website. To donate with a check, please put "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

## HOLY WEEK

### PALM SUNDAY (APRIL 10)

Worship @ 10am (CLC)

### MAUNDY THURSDAY (APRIL 14)

Supper @ 6pm

Worship @ 7pm (Sanctuary)

### GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 15)

Organ Meditations @ 12noon (Sanctuary)

### EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 17)

Festival Worship @ 10am (CLC)

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

*Zoom links can be found in your weekly email or at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org).*

## SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy  
Greeter: Nancy Holly  
Lector: Barbara Scott  
Musicians: Daniel Rausch, Laura Bumgardner  
Sound: Stephen Gloyd

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