

March 27, 2022

Lent Four

### Welcome

**Gathering Hymn: VU 376 Spirit of the Living God**

### Candle

God of wilderness wanderings, when we are lost or feel alone, when we lose hope and our faith falters, you are there ready to guide and inspire us. As we follow Jesus' footsteps on our Lenten journey may we be open to your comforting and yet challenging presence among us. May we walk in light together with unity of heart and purpose as people of faith, hope and courage. Amen

### Call to Worship

Creator God welcomes you to this place. **We are happy to be in God's presence.** God is with us on our Lenten journey, providing the nourishment and love we need. **We praise God and remember God's faithfulness.** God welcomes you to this place – where all will find love, forgiveness and restoration. **We celebrate God's presence here!**

*\*There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing; there is room for all, sheltered in God's love. And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust." There is room for all, there is room for all. (MV 62)*

### Opening Prayer

**Loving God, we have journeyed here from diverse places and stages in life. Open our minds to the message you have to share with us today. Open our spirits to your grace your forgiving love, and your faithfulness in times of doubt and fear. Open our bodies to the comfort of your embrace, that we might feel your presence in relaxed shoulders, soft hands and deep breaths. Amen.**

**Hymn: MV 84 In You There Is a Refuge**

### Prayers for Grace & Transformation/ Words of Assurance

**When we make the slightest turn towards Creator God, we are embraced and forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### The Peace

#### Scripture

#### Prayer for Illumination

First Testament: Joshua 5 : 9-12

Psalm 32 VU page 759

Gospel

**Luke 15 : 1-3, 11b-32**

***\*Confitemini Domino...*** Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia. (MV 16)

#### Reflection

**Hymn: VU 600 When I Needed a Neighbor**

### Invitation to the offering/Doxology (VU 541) Offertory Prayer/Announcements

Laying on of Hands

### Prayers of Hope/Lord's Prayer

*\*The answer, my friend, is Blowin' In The Wind, the answer is Blowin' In The Wind*

### Benediction/Commissioning

**Hymn: VU 288 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

# SouthWest United Church

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“Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;  
<sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

**Luke 15: 18-20**