**March 27, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

~ You are welcome to make yourself at home in our worship –

to join us in singing and prayer, to sit quietly, to cry or to laugh. ~

**Gathering...***in God’s Presence*

**Prelude** *Adagio,* FranckPhil Rinehart

**Introit** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* FCCB Choir

**Welcome** Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Call to Celebration**  Jennifer McCaughtry

God’s reach is endless.

**God’s mercy is unstoppable.**

God’s grace is lavish.

**God’s love is constant.**

God’s wisdom is vast.

**God’s hope is stubborn.**

God’s presence is here—

**with us, among us, moving through us.**

Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

**We are in God’s house.**

Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

**Gathering Prayer** Jennifer McCaughtry

**Hymn of Praise** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* ***\**** #441

**Call to Reconciliation** Jennifer McCaughtry

**Prayer of Confession** Jennifer McCaughtry

**The prodigal son isn’t given a name, but we know his name. It sounds like ours.
And we know his story.
It sounds like ours.**

**For who among us hasn’t burned a bridge?
Who among us hasn’t forgotten that we belong to one another? Who among us has not ached for home?
The prodigal son isn’t given a name, but we know his name. Forgive us God. We want to come home.**

**Words of Forgiveness** Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Morning Prayers & Silence** Jennifer McCaughtry

**The Lord’s Prayer** Jennifer McCaughtry

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Receiving...***God’s Word for us*

**Anthem** *I Give My Life,* arr. J. ShaffermanFCCB Choir

**Children’s Message** Kerry Stewart

**Scripture Reading** *Joshua 5:9-12* (p.195)*, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32* (p.952)Jennifer McCaughtry

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

**Sermon**  *Full to The Brim…Prodigal Grace* Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Hymn of Reflection** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness****\****  #60

**Responding*...****to God’s Love*

**Life Among the Believers** Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Call to Offering** Jennifer McCaughtry

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**Offertory** *Full to The Brim*Katie Jones

**Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise God all creatures here below*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host*

*Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Dedication** Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Hymn of Dedication** *What Wonderous Love\** #212

**Benediction**  Rev. Joseph Perdue

**Benediction Response** *Lenten Meditation,* J. Althouse FCCB Choir

**Commissioning** JenniferMcCaughtry

And All God’s People Said **Amen**

*Grace* by Rev. Sarah Speed

**Postlude** *Air in G,* BuxtenhudePhil Rinehart

*~ Making Christ’s Love Known in Word and Action ~*