

March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude: Sonata in G Major C.P.E. Bach
Christine Deng, flute

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #342 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Come Home, Come Home!*

Call to Worship

One: A new day has dawned, God's gift to us;
The fruits of the land are ours to enjoy.

**All: We are a new creation in Jesus Christ;
The old has passed away, the new has come.**

One: This is a day for forgiveness and
reconciliation; celebrate God's love for the
lost who are found.

**All: The glad cries of deliverance surround
us; shouts of joy arise from our hearts.**

One: Let all who are faithful offer up prayers;
May all who are in Christ give thanks.

**All: We will be glad and join the dance of life;
with the upright of heart, we rejoice and
sing.**

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Welcoming God, we have gathered together so that you
may teach us the way we should go. In our times of
distress and need, you have provided. When we have
stubbornly followed our own plans, you have curbed
our impulses. From our days of confusion and aimless
wandering, you have rescued us and restored us to our
true identity. Meet us now as we worship together to
shape us into a righteous, reconciling people. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O God, we will not try to hide from you the wrong we
have done or the good we have neglected. You know our
transgressions. You have observed our pretensions. We
have claimed too lightly the label 'Christian,' for often
we cut ourselves off from you and from people we
disdain. At times our rebellion leaves us hungry, alone,
and friendless. Grant us, we pray, your forgiveness and
pardon and a renewed sense of who you intend us to be
and to become. Hear now our silent confessions as we
seek your mercy, forgiveness and grace.

Moment of silent prayer

Assurance of God's Love

Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 32

(Page 623 HS in the pew bible)

Hebrew Scripture Reading – Joshua 5:9-12

(Page 244 HS in the pew bible)

***Hymn:** #285 *According to Thy Gracious Word*
(verses 1 & 2)

Sacrament of Communion

Communion Prayer

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love
by bringing us to this meal. We go from this table,
renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened
by your presence. Thank you for loving us so tenderly.
Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to
receive you more fully. It is in Christ's name that we
pray.

***Hymn:** #285 *According to Thy Gracious Word*
(verses 3 & 4)

(Children leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion
Group)

Offering of our Gifts

Anthem: *Come As You Are* Ruth Artman
***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above,
ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Reading – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

(Page 95 in the pew bible)

Sermon: "I'm Sorry, Forgive Me"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Response: *Come Home, Come Home!*

***Hymn:** #418 *Softly and Tenderly (Insert)*

Benediction

Choral Response: *Come Home, Come Home!*

Postlude: Sonata in G Major C.P.E. Bach

(* Please stand if able.)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and
fellowship following worship.*

Our hosts today are David and Peggy Heck.

Our ushers today are Erik & Orrin Rydingsword.

Our Lay Reader today is Mike Clulow.

Our flute soloist today is Christine Deng who attends
The Hotchkiss School and is a student of Beth Chinery.

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Prayer List

*Arthur Eddy, Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara
Jacquette, Mary Wadsworth, Gloria Buckley, Petie
Robinson, Sue Bucceri, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith,
Dick Dwelley, Louise "Weezie" Hannegan, family and
friends of Jim Aitchison, Mark Wallisa. George.*

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today 11:30 am Board of Trustees
2:00 pm Worship at Noble Horizons
Monday 3:30 pm SOAR Fencing in the Parish Hall
6 pm Salisbury Band Rehearsal in the

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Parish Hall

Tuesday 5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday 10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library's Toddler Story Time in the Parish Hall
6 pm Deacon's Dinner
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 8:30 am "Silent" Retreat
10 am Scoville Memorial Library's Literary Series in the Parish Hall
4:30 pm Women's Spirituality
7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal
Friday 8 am Men's Bible Study

OPPORTUNITIES

Only One Dinner Left! You are invited to join the congregation for **dinner this Wednesday evening**. The Deacon's will host a simple meal of soup and salad from 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm. All are welcome! To sign up, access the *Doodle Poll* in the Weekly eblast or visit the website.

EASTER LILY SIGN UP

If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily in honor or in memory of your loved one please call the church office or pick up a dedication form in the church. Plants are \$15 each and will decorate our sanctuary. The deadline for dedications is March 21st.