



First United Methodist Church
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Miller, SD 57362



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5th Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

*Lord, where my spirit feels dry,
breathe new life into me as you did to the bones in Ezekiel's vision..*

Welcome & Announcements

- If you are watching from home, please comment to let us know you are with us. It is the only means we have to track worship "attendance".
- Please also comment with your prayer requests.

Opening Prayer:

There is so much pain in this world, O Lord. Give us eyes to see those that are hurting. Give us hearts to reach out and share your reckless love with them. Put aside our human standards that judge who is worthy of love. Instead, let us care for all people, and especially the vulnerable among us. Provide us with words of assurance and acts of mercy towards those who most need your love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Centering Song: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" #351

Psalm Reading: Psalm 13 #746

Offering

- Offerings can be mailed in, dropped off at the church office, or you can set up automatic giving. Just see Dawn or Gail at Quoin Bank-no matter which bank you use.

*Doxology

Lenten Doxology

Offertory Prayer:

We thank you, Good Shepherd, that you sought us out when we were lost and celebrated when we were found. Send us on a search mission that we may seek out the lost and the least. As we dedicate these gifts, we ask that they may be used in your work to care for the most vulnerable among us and those most in need of your love. Amen.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 15:1-32

Message

"Value the Vulnerable"

Prayer of Confession:

O God, we confess that often we behave the older brother of the prodigal son – wanting to keep the love of the father all to ourselves. We see the sins of the prodigal and wish they would just stay lost. Help us to see that our hardened hearts are keeping us from fully living in your love. Help us to be agents of your grace, instead of gate-keepers preventing others from living in your light. Break our hearts for what breaks yours, Loving Lord, that we may value those whom you value, and love all those whom you love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Joys/Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.

*Closing Hymn:

"Here I Am, Lord"

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*Benediction

**Jesus promised Martha and us: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live"
Let us worship our Savior.**

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RECKLESS LOVE WEEK 5

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