FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT
MARCH 27, 2022
9:00 AM

New Song

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"what is the word beyond. home.
after home.
where is it. this word.
why can i not remember how to say this
thing. this feeling that is my whole body."
–Nayyirah Waheed

"Forgiveness breaks the chain of causality because he who forgives you—out of love—takes upon himself the consequences of what *you* have done. Forgiveness, therefore, always entails a sacrifice.

The price you must pay for your own liberation through another's sacrifice is that you in turn must be willing to liberate in the same way, irrespective of the consequences to yourself."

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General of the United Nations
Easter, 1960

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Steven Phillips

SONG OF WORSHIP

Indescribable
Lift Your Head, Weary Sinner (Chains)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- adapted from liturgy of the Reformed Church in America
Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Endlessly merciful God,
your embrace is wider than our wanderings
and deeper than our estrangements.
Receive, again, your broken and bewildered people.
Forgive
our folly and our excess,
our indifference to human sorrow,
the way resentment simmers in our hearts.
In holy love,
meet us where we are,
call us your own,
and knit us to each other,
until every lost or lonely one knows the joy of home.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

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SONG OF RESPONSE *You Restore My Soul*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Steven Phillips

SENDING SONG *Can't Stop Your Love*

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