

# March 30, 2025

# 4th Sunday of Lent



**God on the Move**

**God Moves ...  
down the Road**

**Luke 15:1-2, 11-24 | March 30, 2025**

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## We Gather

### Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

### Storer Memorial Carillon

#### Prelude

Chorale Prelude: Martyrdom, by C. Hubert H. Parry

Jenny Donnelly, organ

#### \*Processional Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

TFWS #2197

#### \*Call to Worship

Dr. Meryl Mantione

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

All: For once we were lost and felt so far away, but now we are found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

All: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

All: Let us celebrate the God who welcomes us home.

#### \*Welcome & Greeting

#### \*Passing of the Peace

## We Proclaim

### Children's Moment

Children are invited forward for a lesson with Pastor Teri. After the children's moment, the Children may go to Children's Church with Ms. Ann. Please make sure to pick up your children immediately following the service.

#### Anthem

Be Not Afraid, by Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### \*Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (CEB)

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Jesus told them this parable: Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

“When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have more than enough food, but I’m starving to death! I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands.”’ So he got up and went to his father.

“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. Then his son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. The servant replied, ‘Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.’ Then the older son was furious and didn’t want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. He answered his father, ‘Look, I’ve served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you’ve never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’ Then his father said, ‘Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.’”

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Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

## God Moves ... Down the Road

### WE RESPOND

#### Prayer Concerns & Community Life

Dr. Meryl Mantione

Prayer concerns and celebrations may be submitted to [info@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:info@munciehighstreet.com); they will be prayed for by the prayer team and staff.

#### Congregational Call to Prayer

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

**All: O Lord, hear my prayer. (repeat)**

**When I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer. (repeat)**

**Come and listen to me.**

#### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

All: In your love, O God, we are never lost. In your care, O Christ, we are ever found. Help us feel this truth in our very bones, for we are often far from home in body and spirit, unsure of how to return to you. Forgive us when we stray. Teach our shut-up hearts to embrace your hope. Teach our shriveled souls to cry out to you. For we long to taste the glory of your heavenly banquet, and we yearn to be held in your arms as beloved children.

### Words of Assurance

Leader: As a parent welcomes home a wayward child, so God embraces all who return in true repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Brief Time of Silent Prayer

### Morning Prayer

#### Lord's Prayer

Hymn #895

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.

### Choral Response to Prayer

### Hear Our Prayer

Ladonna Dingledine

### Call to the Giving Life

#### Offertory Anthem

Draw Me Nearer, arr. Larry Shackley

Dr. Sally Kang, piano

#### \*Doxology

Hymn #95

#### \*Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving

### WE ARE SENT FORTH

#### \*Closing Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn #140

#### \*Dismissal with Blessing

### Choral Benediction

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

Sanctuary Choir

### Postlude

Wondrous Love, arr. Stewart Landon

Dr. Sally Kang, organ

**Thank you for worshipping with us!**

## Church Announcements

**Announcements—Announcements may be submitted only at [bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet](http://bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet).**

They must be submitted by noon on Wednesday before Sunday service.

**Foundation Scholarship** - All applications, including all parts, are due by Tuesday, April 1. This is a hard deadline.

**Church and Office** - Please be advised that the Church and its offices will be closed on Thursday, April 3, due to carpet removal and installation in the offices. Additionally, Thursday lunch will be canceled that week.

**Trivia Night**—Join us Friday, April 4, in Parish Hall from 7 pm to 8:30 pm for trivia, snacks, and great fun. This is a free event, but you must sign up so teams can be planned.

**Easter Lily Donations** - If you would like to sponsor an Easter Flower in honor or memory of a loved one, please submit your donations by Sunday, April 13. The recommended donation is \$15, but please don't let money be an issue for you.

**There are many ways to respond to God's love through giving –**

--In-person, by placing offerings in plates as ushers come through

--Text 765/222-5007

--Online: [highstreetumc.breezechms.com/give/online](http://highstreetumc.breezechms.com/give/online) (or scan the QR code below)

--Set up an automatic bank withdrawal through Diana (Church office)

--Drop off in person during church office hours.

## Youth & Children's Announcements

**Project 219:** No Tweens Today. Please enjoy some time at home with your family during this Spring Break! We will resume Project 219 • Tweens • on April 6

### SNAPSHOT for Giving/Missions as of 3/23

Last's week Church Giving//Budget	\$6,556.28/\$7,404.00
March Giving Total //Budget	\$49,478.16/\$32,083.00
March Expense:	\$124,166.80
Inc. YTD 2025 // Exp. YTD 2025:	\$119,179.75/\$109,422.68
YTD Mission Samaritan:	\$2,966.00
YTD Mission Pantry:	\$5,306.00
Attendance for March 23, 2025:	
In-person worship:	112
Social Media views online:	110
Grand Total for Worship	222



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### Sunday Schedule

Coffee Bar	8:30 - 11:30 am
Bethany Class (Adult Sunday School)	8:45 am
Children's Sunday School	9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:00 am
It's All About Jesus (Adult Sunday School)	11:15 am
Project 219 Student Ministries	4:30 - 6 pm

### Food Pantry Needs

Rice #1 bags  
Peanut Butter  
Beans 16 oz - black/red/kidney  
Soup - Chicken noodle, tomato or vegetable  
Diced tomatoes 16 oz  
Vegetables canned 16 oz







