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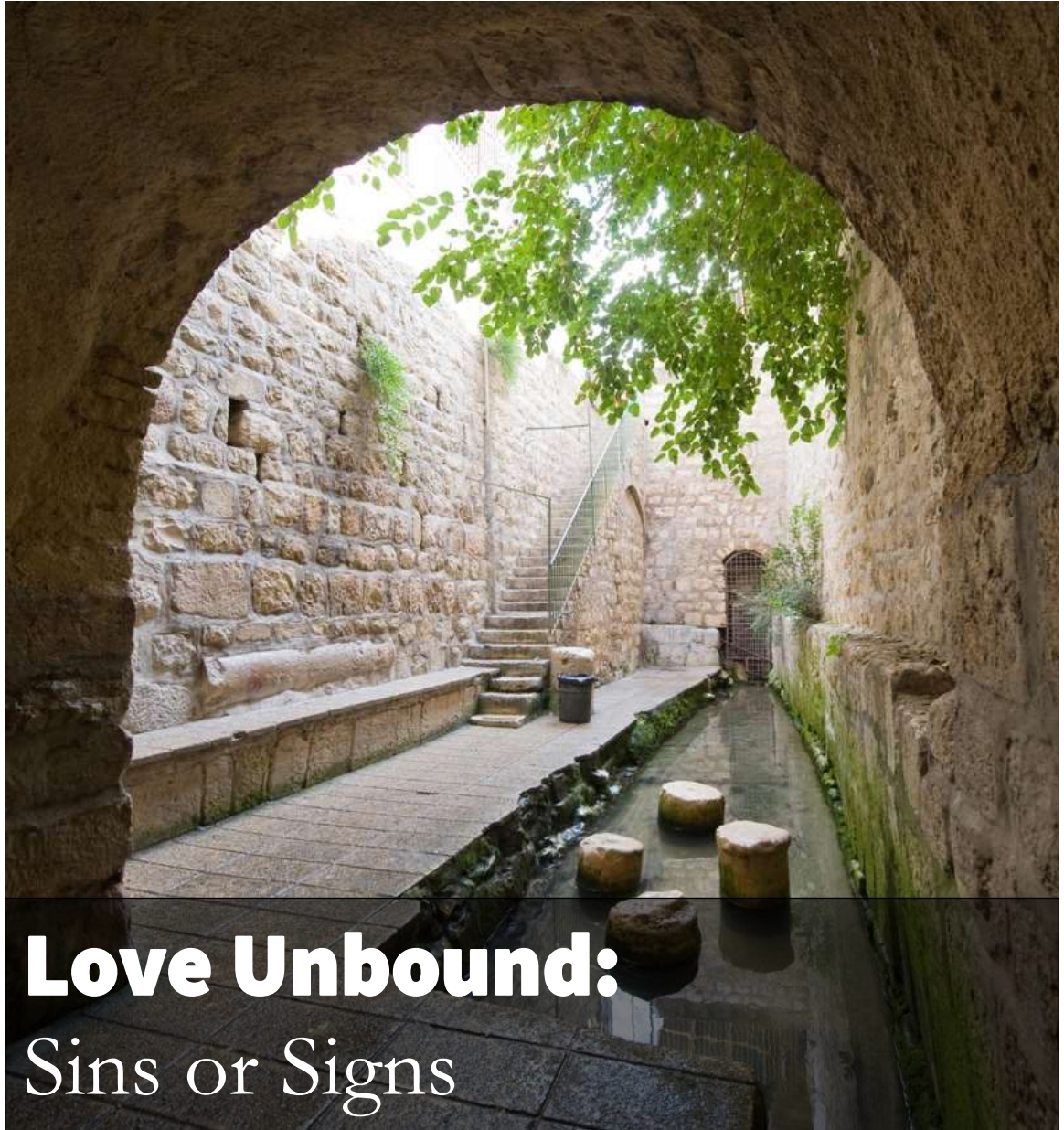
Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Love Unbound: Sins or Signs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Calvin Hampton

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

John Philip Newell

- One:* I watch this morning
For the light that the night has not overcome.
- One:* I watch for the fire that was in the beginning
And that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.
- One:* I watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth
And glistens in sea and sky.
- All:* **We watch for your light, O God,
In the eyes of every living creature
And in the ever-living flame of our own souls.**

If the grace of seeing were ours this day
We would glimpse you in all that lives.
Grant us the grace of seeing this day.
Grant us the grace of seeing.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
nought be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true world;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my Redeemer, my love thou hast won;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

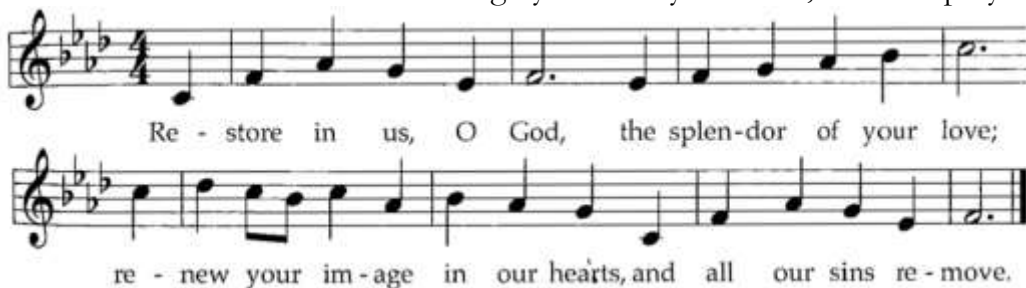
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasurer thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, help us to see this world and each other clearly,
not with the eye, but with the heart of Christ.

When we have failed to see through your mercy and love, hear our prayer:



Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love;
re - new your im-age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.

If we have wounded your love.

O God, heal us.

If we stumble in the darkness.

Light of the world, transfigure us.

If we forget that we are your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Amen.

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

from
Gesambuch der Herzogl

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-41

SERMON

*Love Unbound:
Sins or Signs*

The Rev. Geoff Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

*** The 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

Electronic gifts may be shared here:

<https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/> or by pointing your phone's camera at the image to the right and clicking on the link displayed.



Offertory Anthem

* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

* Blessing of the Gifts

* HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Opposite page

* BLESSING AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall

Gathering: John Philip Newel, *Celtic Benediction: Morning and Night Prayer* (Grand Rapids: Wm.B Eerdmans, 2000)

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- 1 There's a wide-ness
- 2 But we make this
- 3 For the love of



in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows
will not own. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands
ful - ly kind. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for
let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per room of bliss.
be thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

This morning's sanctuary arrangement is contributed by Debra Coyman:
"In memory of my parents."

Today's Ministers of Worship:
Robin Singer and Kathie McCatherin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bucket Brigade hopes everyone will be able to return to the church this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in order to help in the assembling of the buckets.

Did you submit your articles for the April edition of *Steeplenotes*? **The deadline was last Friday** but if you were remiss, your material will be accepted on this Monday. Call Christina if any questions at 781-5880.

Lenten Season Continues

~ FCC will be coordinating (memorial/dedication/acknowledgement/etc.) arrangements for display in the church sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9. Further details and participation forms to be released in the near future.

~Tenebrae Service will be held @ 7:00 p.m. on April 6. A sign-up sheet and specific readings will be available in narthex the last week of March.

~The sanctuary will be open and available all day (6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.) on April 7 in observation of, and for silent reflection, on Good Friday. A request for volunteer(s) to open (6 to 9 a.m.) and close (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.) the sanctuary will be coming shortly.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 19:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online),
followed by Fellowship Coffee Hour downstairs.

4:00 pm. Family Church – *Bucket Brigade Assembly*
everyone is invited! (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 20:

6:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 21:

9:00 a.m. Tuesday Study Group (Zoom)

12:00 p.m. Knitting Group (Classroom)

6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:45 p.m. AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

7:15 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 22:

3:00 p.m. Memorial Garden Meeting (Classroom)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 23:

9:00 a.m. Bells of Casco Bay (Sanctuary)

4:00 p.m. FCC Book Club (Zoom)

Friday, March 24:

10:00 a.m. Lenten Seekers Group (Classroom)

Sunday, March 26:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
followed by Fellowship Coffee Hour downstairs.

11:00 a.m. Introduction to New Testament Meeting (Parlor)

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