

A Sermon Study Series: The Bible in Chronological Order

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PREWORSHIP MUSIC

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love (Sprunger)

Ms. Jacqueline Linsey, Piano

Ms. Jacqueline Linsey, Organ

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Pastor: We are called to love the Lord our God.

Congregation: We are called to love with all our heart and soul.

Pastor: We are called to love the Lord our God.

Congregation: We are called to love with all our mind and strength.

Pastor: We are called to love the Lord our God.

Congregation: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Pastor: Come, let us love our God,
and share God's love in this time of worship!

HYMN

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

Hymnal, # 272

PRAYER of CONFESSION²

All: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. (Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Hear the Good News! God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Many: Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE – Gloria Patri

Hymnal, #493

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 20-21

VIDEO

GOSPEL READING - Luke 10:25-37

STUDY SERMON

Rev. Laura C. Baker

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sinfonia (Bach)

Ms. Jacqueline Linsey, Organ

¹ Based on Matthew 22:37-39

² "Prayer of Confession." *The Worship Sourcebook* (2nd Edition) Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. 2013.

**PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; 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 INVITATION³

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, God's ancient, steadfast love is not a love that simply waits for us to stop wandering and return home. God's love comes seeking us, and gives us the gift of Jesus, so that we might have life abundant. Our giving this morning, whether we have been lost and wandering, or secure and safe, expresses our firm conviction that God is with us, no matter what. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and prayer.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION⁴

All: Living God, you are the Holy One of Israel. Our world cries out in pain, as children and adults bear heavy loads of injustice and sorrow. You respond with great assurance: I am your Savior; I will give you a new life! Thank you for including us in the work of your church to bring help and renewal to people here and around the globe. Use our lives and these offerings to share the good news of your Spirit's gracious, healing power. We pray through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymnal, #287

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the God of Grace and Glory go with you as you follow this Lenten path.
Wherever it takes you, and to whomever it takes you,
may you go with the blessing of God the Father,
God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit,
both now and forever.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (Scholtes)

³ taken from "O Merciful God: God of Wisdom: Prayers for the Fourth Sunday in Lent," written by Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey and the Rev. Susan A. Blain. Posted on the United Church of Christ's [Worship Ways](#) website. (2012)

⁴ Discipleship Ministries. Prayer of Dedication, April 2017.