

March 14, 2010 – Lent 4

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Hymn VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy

Welcome / The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn VU 558 Would You Bless Our Homes & Families

Call To Worship

God is with us this day!

Calling us to friendship, calling us to praise.

God is with us this day!

Calling us to listen, calling us to respond.

God is with us this day!

Calling us to confess, calling us to forgive.

God is with us this day!

Calling us to celebrate, calling us to follow Jesus.

Gathering Prayer

Caregivers In Action

Choir

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

God, you are our loving parent.

When we have asked, you have set us free with your

inheritance of love. Yet we have squandered that love, and

we seek your forgiveness.

Forgive our prodigal ways.

LIBERATE US TO FORGIVE AND TO LOVE YOUR WORLD FULLY AND COMPLETELY.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Like the prodigal child, we are welcomed back into the love of God.

God does not rejoice in our wrongdoing, but rejoices in our return.

Let us give thanks and celebrate.

We are forgiven and loved by our God. Thanks be,

Hymn VU 385 Jesus Loves Me

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Sermon "Welcome Home"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Hymn VU 658 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Offerings of Our Life's Work "Take These Gifts"

Take these gifts and let them be

Used as blessings sent from thee

Take our lives and use us all

For your glory and your call.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU 424 May The God of Hope Go With Us

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen