



# Who is my neighbor



February 21, 2021. First Sunday of Lent. Narrative Lectionary reading 31 of year 3.

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

### Prelude

### Greeting

### Unison Call to Worship

### Psalm 25:1-10

I offer my life to you, LORD. My God, I trust you. Please don't let me be put to shame! Don't let my enemies rejoice over me! For that matter, don't let anyone who hopes in you be put to shame; instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.

Make your ways known to me, LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—because you are the God who saves me. I put my hope in you all day long. LORD, remember your compassion and faithful love—they are forever! But don't remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing. Remember me only according to your faithful love for the sake of your goodness, LORD.

The LORD is good and does the right thing; he teaches sinners which way they should go. God guides the weak to justice, teaching them his way. All the LORD's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep his covenant and laws..

### Psalm Song

### "To You"

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

### Prayer of Confession

Holy and Gracious God, we too often treat religion as a source for answers. We look for sim-

ple answers that belittle your deep mystery. During this season of Lent, push us to ask deeper questions. Help us to ask about our neighbors. Lead us to ask questions about our sorrow. Inspire us to ask questions about our role as disciples. Forgive us for our complacency and lack of curiosity. Forgive us for allowing our faith to stagnate in easy assumptions. Stir in us questions that lead us to a deeper relationship with you.

*Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession*

### Words of Assurance

### Share the Peace of Christ with others

### Hymn #2167 FWS

### "More Like You"

### Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Hymn #95

### "Praise God"

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Luke 10:25-42(CEB)

### Dave Martin

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

He responded, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said to him, "You have answered correct-



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ly. Do this and you will live.”

But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus replied, “A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way.

Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion.

The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days’ worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, ‘Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.’ What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?”

Then the legal expert said, “The one who demonstrated mercy toward him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his message. By contrast, Martha

was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me.”

The Lord answered, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won’t be taken away from her.”

## Musical Offering

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

-D. Schutte/J. Schrager

Nancy Schwegler, piano

## Sermon

**Who is my neighbor?**

Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### Hymn #500

**“Spirit of God,  
Descend Upon My Heart”**

### Blessing

### Hymn #592

**“When the Church of Jesus”  
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### Postlude



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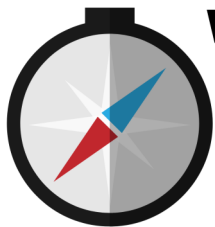
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## WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

#### Current series: "This Is The Way"

Feb. 21	Good Samaritan	Luke 10: 25-42
Feb. 28	Lament over Jerusalem	Luke 13:1-9, 31-35
March 7	Lost Coin, Sheep, Son	Luke 15:1-32
March 14	Rich Man and Lazarus	Luke 6:19-31

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Luke 10:37

[The lawyer] said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Leviticus 19:13-18	Loving Your Neighbor
Tuesday	Romans 13:8-10	Love for One Another
Wednesday	Luke 11:1-13	Power of Prayer
Thursday	Matthew 6:5-13	Concerning Prayer
Friday	Luke 12:22-34	Do Not Worry
Saturday	Philippians 4:4-9	Peace, Not Worry

### CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Mary and Martha honored Jesus in their own way, by work or by listening. But Martha was frustrated and worried. What has made you frustrated or worried today? What has given you peace?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus calls his followers to repent when they do the wrong thing. What is a situation today that you need to correct or make right?