



# Who Can You Tell



March 14, 2021. Fourth Sunday of Lent. Narrative Lectionary reading 34 of year 3.

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

### Prelude

### Greeting

### Unison Call to Worship      Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever!" That's what those who are redeemed by the Lord say, the ones God redeemed from the power of their enemies, the ones God gathered from various countries, from east and west, north and south.

Some of the redeemed were fools because of their sinful ways. They suffered because of their wickedness. They had absolutely no appetite for food; they had arrived at death's gates. So they cried out to the Lord in their distress, and God saved them from their desperate circumstances.

God gave the order and healed them; he rescued them from their pit. Let them thank the Lord for his faithful love and his wondrous works for all people. Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and declare what God has done in songs of joy!

**Psalm Song**                      **"Ever Present Love"**  
Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

## Prayer of Confession

Holy and Gracious God, we too often treat religion as a source for answers. We look for simple 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 #576**                      **"Rise Up, People of God"**  
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### Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Hymn #95**                                      **"Praise God"**

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Luke 16:19-31(CEB)**                      **Claudia Applegate**

"There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with



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sores. Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

"The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. He shouted, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I'm suffering in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.'

"The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father's house. I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don't come to this place of agony.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.' The rich man said, 'No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.' Abraham said, 'If they don't listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"

**Musical Offering**            **"Softly and Tenderly"**  
   **Bendra Turnbull, piano**

**Sermon**                            **Who Can You Tell?**  
   Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

**Hymn #532    "Jesus Priceless Treasure"**

**Blessing**

**Hymn #592    "When the Church of Jesus"**  
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**Postlude**



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**WEEKLY GPS**

**GROW**

**PRAY**

**STUDY**

Current series: "Who?"		
March 21	Jesus & Zacchaeus	Luke 18:31-19:10
March 28	Triumphal Entry	Luke 19:29-44
April 1	Maundy Thursday	Luke 22:1-27
April 2	Good Friday	Luke 23:32-47
April 4	Easter Sunday	Luke 24:1-12

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Luke 16:13**

[Abraham] said to [the rich man], 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Monday	Luke 16:1-13	The Parable of the Dishonest Manager
Tuesday	Luke 16:14-18	The Law and the Kingdom of God
Wednesday	Luke 17:11-19	Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers
Thursday	Luke 18:1-14	Two Parables
Friday	Luke 18:15-17	Jesus Blesses Little Children
Saturday	Luke 18:18-30	The Rich Ruler

**CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS**

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** The rich man in Jesus' story did not share what he had with someone who needed it. When did you share something with another person today? When did you have an opportunity to share, but did not?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus offered love, welcome, and healing to a blind man and a tax collector. When have you offered care to someone today? When has someone offered care to you?