

# WILLAPA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

All are invited to stand as able for items marked with an \*. Songs are in the United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and/or The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Congregational responses appear in **bold**.

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

### GATHERING TIME

#### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

**\*OPENING SONG** Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER**

We live in the new creation  
shaped by God out of our brokenness.

**God's reconciling love in Christ  
shatters our human ways of viewing people.**

God, it was said of the Prodigal Son that he "came to himself."

**Help us to wake up to ourselves, and to You.**

**Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect  
so that we might be more fully human.**

**Help us not to chase after an imaginary life,  
and to find satisfaction in our real lives.**

**And turn us away from our self-rejection  
so that we might see that Your arms open  
even before we turn to meet your welcome,  
tears of grace a mighty river**

**washing away the distance between us  
as you restore us to new life.**

**Hold before us the image of our humanity made new,  
so that we may live in Jesus Christ,  
your new creation. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSIVE SONG** Change My Heart O God TFWS 2152

### FOR ALL CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

#### READING THE WORD

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

This is the Word of God spoken.

**Thanks Be to God!**

Pew Bible  
NT 73-74

**MESSAGE** Prodigal

**\*RESPONSIVE SONG** Prodigal (words and melody on screen)

### SHARING AND PRAYER

#### GIVING

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

**\*CLOSING SONG** This is a Day of New Beginnings UMH 383

#### **\*SENDING FORTH**

**Thank you, God, for each person who by their presence, gifts and  
graces bring our worship and fellowship to life!**

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*His father came out and began to plead with him. Luke 15.28*

My Beloved,  
both of you,  
come back to me.  
You have distanced yourself,  
walked away from the family.  
Come back.  
I want you.  
My grace I give you,  
my feast I give you,  
come feast.  
You are neither sinner nor righteous,  
you are Beloved.  
Nothing have you earned or forfeited:  
my love is a gift.  
All of my love is yours.  
Come in and feast with me.  
Silence your impudent mind and come in to me.  
Here is my joy in you,  
all of you, together.  
Let me pour myself out at this table for you.  
Come, belong to me.  
Be mine.  
Come.

*"The father's song" by Steve Garness-Holmes, unfoldinglight.net*

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# **Welcome to Willapa**



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**We are blessed because you came!**

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