

This Week at Ravensworth

Today, Sunday, March 30

9:00 am Missions Commission,
Fellowship Room

9:30 am Friendship Class, Library

9:30 am Preschool Childcare Opens

9:45 am Genesis Class, Room 134 & Zoom

9:45 am Moore Class, Room 133

9:45 am RBC Kids & Youth , Room 132

11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Livestream

7:00 pm Philippians Class, Zoom

Tuesday, April 1

10:30 am Bible Study, Zoom

2:00 pm Community Kundalini Yoga,
Fellowship Room

Wednesday, April 2

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:00 pm Deacon Commission, Zoom

Thursday, April 3

2:00 pm Community Kundalini Yoga,
Fellowship Room

Friday, April 4

11:00 am Aging with Spirit,
Fellowship Room

Next Week, Sunday, April 6

9:00 am Lenten Small Group,
Fellowship Room

9:30 am Friendship Class, Library

9:30 am Preschool Childcare Opens

9:45 am Special Genesis Class, RBC Action
Guide, Room 134 & Zoom

9:45 am Moore Class, Room 133

9:45 am RBC Kids & Youth , Room 132

11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Livestream

7:00 pm Philippians Class, Zoom

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Ravensworth

BAPTIST CHURCH

We Gather for the Worship of God

*An inclusive and welcoming Christian community where expressing the
love of God to all people is central to our worship, study, and service.*

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 am, March 30, 2025

Words of Welcome

April Pavis-Shroeder

*Hymn No. 558

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

*Call to Worship

Michael Catlett

Our God is a shepherding God.

Our God knows us by name.

Our God will never stop searching for us.

**So if you feel lost,
then know that God is seeking you.**

**If you feel found,
then know that God will never leave.**

This is the promise of scripture.

This is the promise of God's love.

Let us worship our with-us God.

*Morning Prayer

Michael Catlett

A Time for All Ages

Geneva Pope

Invitation to Give & Serve

April Pavis-Shroeder

*At this time the Ushers will come forward and pass the offering plates. For additional
ways to give, please see the back of the bulletin.*

Hymn No. 715

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

Michael Catlett

If God is a painter,

let us be the brush.

If God is a musician,

let us be the song.

If God is an architect,

let us be the tools.

Let us be the hands.

Let us be the builders.

But if God is a shepherd,
who never stops seeking,

let us be willing to be found,

no matter how lost we feel.

Our God is never far away.

Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Together we pray, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Michael Catlett

Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found.

We grumble. We push back. We doubt God. We doubt ourselves.

We leave the flock and lose our way.

But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God who is always by our side.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

No matter how far we wander,

we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace.

We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Space for Our In Between

Today, breathe as deeply as you possibly can. Breathe in for four seconds, hold your breath for four seconds, and exhale for four seconds. Give yourself the space to feel God's presence and remember that you are not alone.

*Lesson from the Gospels, Luke 15:1-7

Lauren Geraghty

Se acercaban a él todos los publicanos y pecadores para oírle, y los fariseos y los escribas murmuraban diciendo:

—Este recibe a los pecadores y come con ellos.

Entonces él les refirió esta parábola, diciendo:

—¿Qué hombre de ustedes, si tiene cien ovejas y pierde una de ellas, no deja las noventa y nueve en el desierto y va tras la que se ha perdido hasta hallarla? Y al hallarla, la pone gozoso sobre sus hombros y, cuando llega a casa, reúne a sus amigos y vecinos, y les dice: "Gócese conmigo porque he hallado mi oveja que se había perdido". Les digo que, del mismo modo, habrá más gozo en el cielo por un pecador que se arrepiente que por noventa y nueve justos que no necesitan de arrepentimiento.

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Everything In Between: lost & found

Lauren Geraghty

Musical Message

Wayne Chadwick

*Hymn No. 284

Gather Us In, verse 4

GATHER US IN

Not just in buildings, small and confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
Here in this place the new light is shining;
Now is God present, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*Benediction

Lauren Geraghty

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

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Visitors, we are grateful you decided to worship with us today. Please scan this code to send your info to Pastor Leah and the Outreach Team, or take a packet from the Narthex. We'd love to connect you to our ministries and Faith Formation groups.

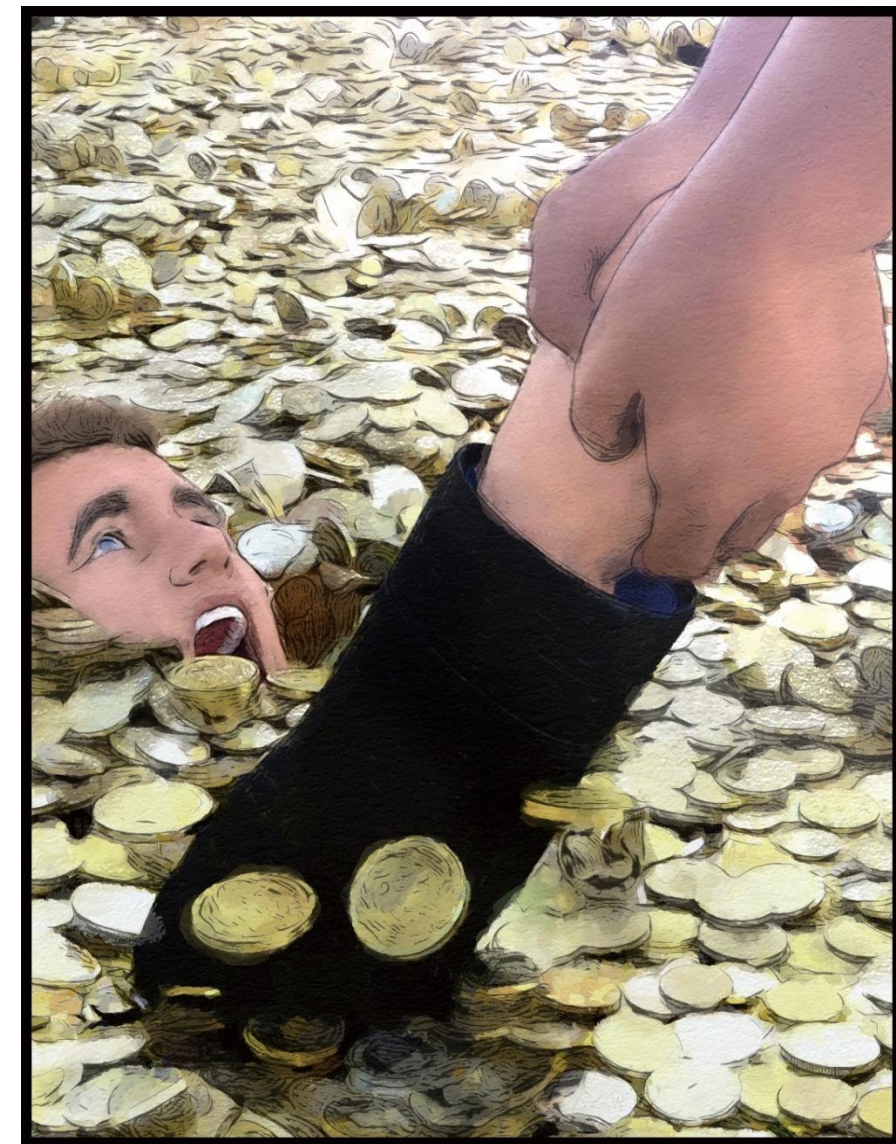




Lost & Found by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

I began my artwork for this series by collaging torn strips of newspaper articles together, overlapping global headlines with photos of current events.

Along the torn edges, I added gold leaf. Then I photographed the result, editing the photos in black and white. These photos would become the backdrop for my pieces, as I wanted my digital drawings to emerge within the noise of the world's deepest pains, divisions, and everything in between. The collage is also a reference to theologian Karl Barth's famous quote about reading the bible and the newspaper together. I wanted the gold leaf to represent God's presence in the spaces in between the events and forces that tear us apart.



Lost Sheep by Ben Wilkins, digital painting

In reading over the scripture that inspired "Lost & Found" by Lisle Gwynn Garrity -- the parable of the Lost Sheep -- I was struck by just who it was that the Pharisees were objecting to Jesus spending time with: tax collectors. This was not tax collection as we know it now. It was not a civic duty that would improve the lives of ordinary people. This "taxation" was essentially wealth extraction by the Roman Empire: an extraction paid for most by the poorest Palestinian Jews, as the wealthy were able to skirt their fair share. Tax collectors were despised because they were *collaborators* with the Empire. They were traitors who made their living by, sometimes violently, taking even more than was owed to their masters. *These* are the lost sheep: the collaborators and traitors! Those who are selling out their neighbors for a few coins. I sympathize with the Pharisees: why waste time on saving these people? But in reality the tax collectors are in more danger than anyone: drowning their own humanity in an ocean of greed. For the good of all, Jesus sees that these Lost Sheep need to be rescued from themselves and brought back to the flock.