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Week 3

In Community with our Neighbor
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OPENING DIALOGUE

P: Lord, I love the house in which you dwell

C: And the place where your glory abides

P: I sing aloud a song of thanksgiving,

C: and recount all your wonderful deeds.

P: Test me, O Lord and try me;

C: examine my heart and my mind.

P: For your steadfast love is before my eyes;

C: I have walked faithfully with you.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

R: Amen

FIRST LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A reading from 1 Corinthians

18For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

20Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON: Mark 2:1-12

1When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. 3Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. 5When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone? 8At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? 9Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? 10But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the paralytic — 11I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home. 12And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION

Pastor Michael

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

C: Your mercy is great.

C: Amen

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 and ever. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, joined together in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Next Wednesday's theme: "In community with those on the margins"