

Bound now, bound forever, bound with whom and for what?

May we be bound with love.

What shall we carry with us into eternity? Our gold? Our politics? Our relationships? Which? For with this choice we will be bound in heaven.

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*Gathering Prayer

*Worship with Song

Shine, Jesus, Shine TFWS, 2173

*Passing of the Peace

*Worship with Song

Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH, 140

To Breath God In

Children's Church

Reading of Scripture Matthew 18.21-35 (NIV)

Hymn of Preparation ***There's a Song*** TFWS, 2141

Reading of Scripture Genesis 50.15-21 (NIV)

Words from the past made new for us today.

Thanks be to God!

Message **Parable of the Unforgiving Servant**

Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

Worship with Music and Reflection

Kind and Merciful God

(Bryan Jeffrey Leech), arr by Sandi Kersten

Worship with our Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offertory ***How Firm a Foundation***

(American Melody), arr by Cindy Berry

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Worship with Prayer

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,
for ever and ever

Amen.

Hymn of Blessing: ***We are Called*** TFWS, 2172

Benediction

Go Now in Peace, by Natalie Sleeth

Go now in peace

May the Love of God surround you

Everywhere, Everywhere

you may go

Thank You for Serving

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

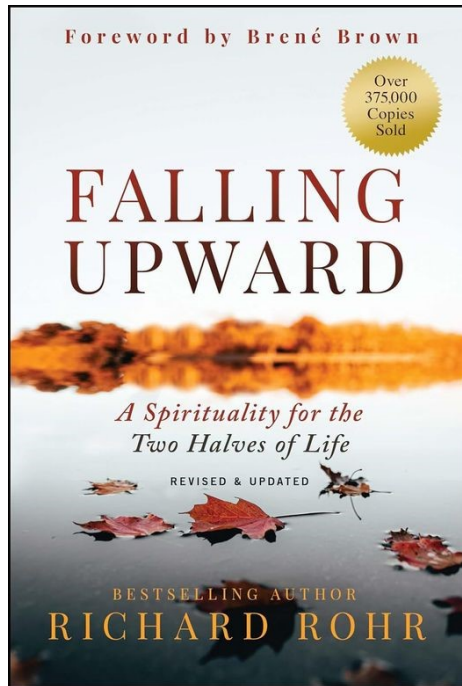
Liturgist: Tim Barany

Musicians: Sandi Kersten

Song Leaders: Jenny Lynn Girvan, Ken & Elaine Konyha,

Tech: Keith Danielson, Dan Girvan, & John Faas

**New Session of Small Group begins
April 21, 9:15 am, Wesley Room**



"I first read Falling Upward about twelve years ago. I was just coming close to forty. I could feel the truth of it, but I don't know how much of it I could say I understood from experience. In preparation for our next small group study I picked up the updated edition and began reading it again, and I think I can see something of what Rohr talks about in my own transition from young adulthood to midlife.

I invite you to join us on Sunday mornings beginning on April 21. It is a great follow up to Parker Palmer's Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old, a study guide to the journey from the first half of life through to the second. "

- Pastor Vaughn



SUNDAY, April 14

- ⇒ 9:15 Courageous Conversations
- ⇒ 10:30 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- ⇒ Fellowship Time

MONDAY, April 15, 10 am, Senior Stretch, Wesley Room

TUESDAY, April 16, 6 pm, Church Council, Wesley Room

WEDNESDAY, April 17

- ⇒ Community Dinner - Pork Loin
- ⇒ 6:30 pm, Bell Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

THURSDAY, April 18, 10 am, Senior Stretch, Wesley Room

**FRIDAY, April 19, 10 am, Prayers & Squares,
Wesley & Music Rooms**

**SATURDAY, April 20, 10 am, Ministry Workshop,
Fellowship Hall**



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Our Values: Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All



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April 14, 2024
Third Sunday after Easter

Parables - The Unforgiving Servant

We Gather Together

Prelude **Fairest Lord Jesus**

(Crusaders Hymn) arr by Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

"Truly I tell you," says Jesus, "whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

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To bind, to be bound, to be bound with so many competing demands and expectations aging partners and parents unplanned expenses demands at work and home and school and church.

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