



A Virtual Service for the Worship of God

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Jim Pera

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

***Call to Worship**

Sharon Boyko

*One: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,
following Jesus wherever he leads us.*

**All: Lent calls us to journey through the wilderness,
and reminds us that even there, God will not abandon us.**

One: Lent calls us to worship in one voice, to tell future generations the good news.

All: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

One: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

**All: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

One: Lent calls us to journey with God.

All: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

*Hymn # 840

“When Peace Like a River”

verses 1, 4

***Prayer of Confession**

**Good and gracious God, this is not the Lent we wanted.
This is not the wilderness season we expected.
We confess that we have taken our safety, our health, and our community for granted.
We confess that we have given in to fear more times that we can count.
We confess that we have thought about our own needs before thinking of the needs of our neighbors.
We confess that we do not trust you to meet our every need.
Oh Lord Jesus, hear our confessions.**

Silence for personal confession. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

*One: People of God,
the Lord's mercies are new every morning.*

**All: Praise to the one and holy God,
Whose love will never leave us.**

*One: Friends, accept and rejoice in the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, welcomed home,
and offered the gift of new life.*

All: Thanks be to God!

Response

Hymn #71. Refrain only

**Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my strong-hold
and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.**

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Anthem

"I believe "

Mark Miller

Children's Time

Rev. Laura Nile

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Sermon

“For You Are With Me”

Rev. Laura Nile

Responding to God's Word

Moment for Meditation

***Hymn # 801** “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”
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Verses 1-

Presentation of Offerings

***Presentation Hymn # 607**

Inclusive Version of the Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn # 450** “Be Thou My Vision”

verses 1, 4

***Benediction**

***Postlude**