

4th SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 22, 2020

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*We worship today gathered in Spirit if not in body, realizing perhaps more than ever the nature of the body of Christ. We gather as a resurrection people even in our time of wilderness. As we gather may we be strengthened by the Spirit that knows no boundaries.*

*As you prepare for worship together you may wish to light a candle representing the presence of God with you and concerns, desires for healing, confessions or prayers of thanksgiving that you are particularly holding in the light of Christ today.*

SONG FOR CENTERING

*In the Lord, Taizé*

*A recording of the song will be played, you are invited to join in singing.*

*In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-  
fraid; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Joys or concerns may be added as comments to the live stream of this service or emailed to Caralyn by Wednesday at noon to be added to next Sunday's list.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

*This prayer may include elements of confession, intercession, and illumination.*

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 9:1-41

Psalm 23

*You are encouraged to read aloud with the worship leader.*

**<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**<sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

BRIEF MEDITATION

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

*During a brief time of silence following the meditation you are encouraged to consider your response to the work of Christ in the world today, making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. Please remember your family, neighbors, the wider community, and the church in your offering. Although many things are shifting, please continue to honor previous commitments to the best of your ability.*

CLOSING PRAYER, CHARGE, AND BENEDICTION

*This live feed will end after the benediction. Please remain on the UPC Facebook page for the closing portion of the service which will be a separate live feed from our musician(s) of the day.*

BENEDICTION RESPONSE