



4th Sunday in Lent
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Whether you are worshipping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Choral
Bela Bartok
Ashley Publications INC , 1971

WELCOME

Mamie Broadhurst

INTROIT

Lord, We Adore and Bless You
Composed by Patrick Liebergen
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Lord, we adore and bless You.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Edward Peterson

God is the sculptor of the mountains and crafter of the sands;

God is the pillar in the darkness and the living source of the land.

The truth of God's love and care is seen through all creation;

God shows us the possibility of life abundant.

Christ came to earth to walk alongside us and guide us in the journey.

Let us worship the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

*HYMN No. 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Dear God,

You tell us you have prepared a place for us with many rooms, yet we compete with one another to try to stake our claim. Forgive our inability to trust in your care. When you tell us to follow, we dig in our heels until we know the plan. Forgive our inability to walk one step at a time. Your miracles are throughout the world, yet we still seek proof of your presence. Forgive our inability to have faith in the mystery.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

Lord, We ask for your patience and grace as we struggle with our finitude in the face of your infinite presence. Create in us clean hearts and help us to put our trust in you as we begin again. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Friends, Let us hear the Good News once again - Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven and free.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn 447 sung through one time

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:1-14

SERMON

Erin Tolar

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 311

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

ANTHEM

The Kingdom of God

Words by Bryn Rees

Arr. by Austin Lovelace

GIA Publications, 1990

*The Kingdom of God is justice and joy,
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy,
God's Power and glory in Jesus we know,
And here and hereafter the Kingdom shall grow.
The Kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
The lepers are cleansed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
And hope is awakened in place of despair.
The Kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to His cross,
Our crisis of judgment for gain or for loss.
God's Kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole,
The heirs of the Kingdom shall answer His call,
And all things cry glory to God all in all.*

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*responsive*)

Jesus tells us, "I am the light of the world."

We dedicate ourselves to reflect that light as best we can.

Jesus tells us, "I am the gate and door."

We commit to seeking abundant life for all.

Jesus tells us, "I am the good shepherd."

We will follow where you lead us.

Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life."

We offer our gifts for healing and wholeness.

Jesus tells us, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

We pledge to prepare a place for all.

Jesus tells us, "I am the vine."

We dedicate the fruit of our labor to the glory of God.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup,
regardless of age or understanding. (PC-USA Book of Order W-3.0409)*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy One, the great I AM...

...Bring us together in holy communion with you and one another as we come to your table praying:

Our Mother and Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

All worshipers are invited to come forward (lectern/left side) or backward (pulpit/right side) by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the cup, and return to their pew by the side aisles.

For those who prefer, communion will be served directly to your seat. The elements consist of grape juice and gluten-free bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER

*HYMN No. 537

When at This Table

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDECTION

God – the great I AM – is...

Everywhere!

POSTLUDE

Toccata in g minor

Johann Pachelbel

Wayne Leupold Editions Inc , 1995

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who helped to live-stream the service today.*



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