

The Service for the Lord's Day

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

Prelude: PH#701 - "Sanctuary"

Call to Worship (Bob)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn

GtG# 610 - "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Prayer of the Day (Helenavi)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you bring salvation to the world. Give us strength to believe in him that we may share in his victory over the power of death and fulfill the purpose for which you have made us, for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

(all God's Children say) **Amen**

Call to Confession (Erik)

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ.

Confession & Prayer (Erik)

Merciful God,

we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them.

Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

(all God's Children say) **Amen**

Personal Confession (Community)

Please take a moment for your private prayers of personal confession.

(Water pours to break the silence)

Assurance of Pardon (Bob)

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

(all God's Children say) **Thanks be to God**

Passing the Peace (Bob)

Having been reconciled with God,
let's be reconciled with each other. (All God's Children say)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Gloria Patri

GtG# 581 - "Glory Be to the Father"

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

"Ancient Words" *Michael W. Smith*
(all God's Children say) **Amen**

First Reading (Terri)

A reading from Numbers 21:4-9
The Word of the Lord. **Gracias a Dios.**

Second Reading (Terri)

A reading from Ephesians 2:1-10
The Word of the Lord. **Gracias a Dios.**

Hymn

GtG# 79 - "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

Gospel Reading (Bob)

A reading from John 3:14-21
The Word of the Lord. **Gracias a Dios.**

Sermon

"Done In God"

Bob Dymond

God is Good, **All the Time!** Todo el Tiempo, **Dios es Bueno!**

Hymn

GtG# 749 - "Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)"

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed *to be read responsively.*
Preacher of the Day leads all to read together.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen
**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.*

Prayers of the People (Linda, with Charley taking notes)
(Prayers of Praise) Lord in your love and grace
(all respond) **Hear our Praise!**
(Prayers of Intercession) Lord in your mercy
(all respond) **Hear our Prayer!**

Ending Prayer – ...

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering (Susan)
People of God, let us offer our sacrifice of thanksgiving, telling of God's deeds with
songs of joy.

Special Mission Offering for March (Charley)
Wounded Warriors

Giving to New Hope (Charley)

Doxology (Charley)
Let's sing a song of praise for all that God has given us! With words from Hymn #606 in our
hymnal, let's sing the Doxology together (**All God's Children sing**):

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Dedication of the Offering (Susan)
Merciful God, we thank you for your wonderful works among humankind. Accept this
offering with the dedication of our lives and help us be for the world an emblem of your
steadfast love, in Jesus Christ. (all God's Children say) **Amen**

SENDING

Invitation to Join (Terri) *if guests are present*

Blessing (Bob)

May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the light of the Spirit bless you and keep you in the way of truth.

Now to Him who is able to keep you
Who is able to keep you from stumbling
And to make you stand in God's presence
Full of glory, blameless with great joy

To the only God our Savior
And to Jesus Christ our Lord
Be all glory, majesty, dominion, and power
Before all time and now and forever

Amen and Amen
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Amen and Amen and Amen

Charge (Bob)

Church, we have received the immeasurable riches of God's grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Go forth to share this gift with others.

Hymn

GtG# 643 - "Now Thank We All Our God"

Go in Peace to **Love** and to **Serve** and to **Follow** Jesus

Final Announcements & Schedule (Bob)

Thank you to our dedicated Worship Contributors:

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