

Sunday March 22nd, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 23)

One: The Holy One shows us the way, even when we do not know where to go.

All: We are called to live as children of light, abiding in all that is good and right and true.

One: The Holy One shows us the paths of peace, comforting us in times of trouble.

All: We are called to become the body of Christ, pouring out our lives for the healing of the world.

One: The Holy One says “Do not be afraid” as we face disturbing days.

All: We are called to have faith in Christ who is with us at all times.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 326 “O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Maker of Visions, Spirit of Truth, Light of the World in even the darkest days, you often choose the least and the weak to be bearers of your good news. * As we walk the uncertain paths before us, anoint us with gladness and bless us with your vision. * Show us the way through the terrors and shadows embracing our everyday lives. * Fill us with your light, that we may more fully be the body of Christ, bringing light to an aching, broken and sick world. Amen.

Poem for Children by Ursula Dubosarsky

Good News Time

The Lord’s Prayer

Minute For Mission – Oak Table, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Hymn: VU 436 “Abide With Me”

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

Forgiving God, sometimes we find it so hard to trust in you as we should. In these days when the anxiety feels very real and when the future seems so uncertain, help us to take time to listen for your word and to reach out to your presence by our side. * Forgive us when we give in to our very human fears and when we find ourselves wondering where you are in all of this turmoil that swirls around us. *Your rod and your staff do comfort us. Help us also to remember that you have always promised to be our strength and our shield. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: God leads us beside quiet waters and through green pastures.

**All: God refreshes our souls through the grace of forgiveness.
Amen.**

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 13: 5-8

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:24-34

Anthem: Simon Khorolskiy – “*O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*”

Message: Ed's Story – part two, “*Consider The Birds*”

Hymn: VU 747 “The Lord's My Shepherd”

The Offering

We sing the Offering Response:

***We give thee but thine own,
What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O God, from thee.***

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 508 "Just As I Am"

"Pandemic" by Lynn Ungar

The Blessing and Benediction

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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Bonus: Simon Khorolskiy – "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"