

Sunday, March 14th, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God is good.

All: All the time.

One: And all the time,

All: God is good.

One: Let all God's people cry out in joy:

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Come! Let us worship the Lord of our Salvation.

Hymn: **VU# 409** "Morning Has Broken"

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prayer of Approach (said together)

God of immeasurable grace, you meet us in our time of need and cause your face to shine upon us. You sent your son into the world, that we might be saved; and you fashioned us into vessels of your love and light.

Redeem us this day, O God, that we may be found worthy of the one who came to bring us life. Amen.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2: 1-10

Gospel Reading: John 3: 14-21

Hymn: **VU# 602** "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

The Lord's Prayer

Good News Time

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are tired of our own grumbling. Though we run around like lost children, we long to return to your warm embrace.

Though we act as if the odds are stacked against us, we yearn to rest in the knowledge that your steadfast love endures forever. Though we crouch in the shadows, we long to feel the warmth of your love shining upon us each day.

Lead us from death into life, that we might live as children of light, and serve one another as heirs of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(A time of quiet reflection on the prayer we have just shared)

Assurance of Pardon

One: God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it, but that through Him we might have eternal life.

All: The one who comes from above saves us from our destructive ways, and leads us into life. Amen.

Anthem: The N Crew – “The Love Of God”

Sermon: Snakes On A Stick

Hymn **VU# 333** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

The Offering

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

Prayers of the People

Hymn **VU# 240** “Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven”

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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Postlude: Johan van Dyk – “The Irish Blessing”