

March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE "Sarabande" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

From water to wilderness:

God's covenant continues;

God's kingdom comes near.

On stone and in hearts:

God's covenant continues;

God's kingdom comes near.

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

God's covenant continues;

God's kingdom comes near.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

for where he is, we would be also.

John 12:26

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eph. 2:10

+HYMN: GTG #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

John 3:19

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy
of our complaints.

Num. 21:4-6

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. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

John 3:17

HYMN: GTG #610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION: SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, 1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED 1 Pet. 4:7-11

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Minuet in c" Bach

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION Ps. 107:22; Ps. 107:1

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
(Germany, 1563)

63. How can our good works be said to merit nothing when God
promises to reward them in this life and the next?

This reward is not earned; it is a gift of grace.

64. But doesn't this teaching make people indifferent and wicked?

**No. It is impossible for those grafted into Christ through true
faith not to produce fruits of gratitude.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION John 3:21

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34 O.T. page 560

PSALM Psalm 119:9-16 O.T. page 434

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10 N.T. page 148

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple) 2

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:14-21 N.T. page 71

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Matt. 4:4

We live not by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Forrest

SERMON "Covenant: New!" Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN: GTG #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" I'M GONNA LIVE

+CHARGE Eph. 2:7

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.

Amen.

+BLESSING

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.

Alleluia!

+CHORAL BENEDICTION "God So Loved the World" Stainer

POSTLUDE "Passacaglia" Handel

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Liturgist: Eva Schlenner
Greeters: Susan Chien and Marge Welch
Next Week's Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by
JoAnn and Bob Caltrider
in memory of
Millie & Palen Somerville,
Beulah & Delbert Caltrider,
and Sarah Caltrider

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CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#75. 1 Peter:

Peter, having made his way to Rome, may have written this letter to numerous churches in Asia Minor (Turkey) with the help of his “faithful brother” Silas. (c. AD 60-63)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 130. What is meant by the fourth petition, “Give us today our daily bread”?

We ask God to provide for all our needs, for we know that God, who cares for us in every area of our life, has promised us temporal as well as spiritual blessings. God commands us to pray each day for all that we need and no more, so that we will learn to rely completely on God. We pray that we will use what we are given wisely, remembering especially the poor and the needy. Along with every living creature we look to God, the source of all generosity, to bless us and nourish us, according to the divine good pleasure.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today Adult Sunday School 11:15 am
Eagle Scout Court of Honor (A. Mackey) 2:00 pm
Tuesday Women’s Association Craft and Lunch 10:30 am
Friends! 3:30 pm
Worship and Music Committee 6:00 pm
Wednesday Lunch Packing for Advent House 10:30 am
Prayer Fellowship (Chapel) 12:00 pm
Wonderful Wednesday (*children/youth*) 4:00 pm
Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:10 pm
Thursday Finance Committee 8:00 pm
Memorial Committee 2:00 pm
Spiritual Growth Committee 6:00 pm
Friday Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath
Saturday Yarners 10:00 am

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Jeremiah
by Michelangelo, c. 1510

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*