

March 19, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Fourth  
Sunday  
in Lent



PRELUDE  
Prelude  
Ritournello

S. Rachmanioff  
D. Bedard

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

LENTEN KYRIE

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#6 Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,  
you have called us to ways of love, justice and mercy  
and yet we have failed  
to love the rejected of the world,  
to offer peace to those who are in despair,  
to companion with those whose feet  
have slipped along the way.  
God of grace,  
move gently in us:  
so our weakness may give strength,  
our stuttering words may bear witness  
to your love and compassion,  
and our humble intentional actions  
may be gift and grace to those we walk with  
in these Lenten days.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#375 Lord, Have Mercy (Sing 3x)

J.M Talbot

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM and CHORAL RESPONSE

Psalm 23

Page 553, 1st half of NRSV Bible

SECOND TESTAMENT READING - Part 1

John 9:1-23

Pages 105-106, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ANTHEM

Great is Thy Faithfulness

W.M. Runyon, arr. D. Forrest

LITANY

One: We were so blind in so many ways  
but now we see!

**Many: Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord.**

One: We were so stubborn in our disbelief  
but now we believe!

**Many: Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord.**

One: We were so certain and set in our ways  
but now we are learning to trust and re-imagine. . .

**Many: Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord.**

**All: We believe!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

#93 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness NETTLETON

Children's Blessings - Hannah Dia Bargeman

Micah John Bargeman

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

M. Card

*Adrienne Sitko will sing the 1st verse;*

*Congregation please join for 2nd verse: (sing 2x)*

**The Lord be gracious to you.**

**The Lord turn his face towards you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace,  
and give you peace, forever.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION

#480 Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

SECOND TESTAMENT READING - Part 2

John 9:24-41

Pages 106-107, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Sicilienne, BWV 1031

J. S. Bach

\*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing.

M. Adria

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

\*Prayer of Gratitude

\*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#506 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

WALK WITH ME

\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Benediction

Pilgrims' Hymn

S. Paulus

\*The Sending of the Community

\*Congregational Amen

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week*

POSTLUDE

Berceuse, Op. 56

G. Faure

\*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Prayers of the People - Rev Allan Effa;

Scripture Reading - Gordon Dinwoodie, Ryan Keay;

Guest Pianist - Dr Leanne Regehr;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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