



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2020

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

arr. P. Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise God whose love fills the world.

**People: We bring the sacrifice of praise.**

Leader: Serve God whose grace renews our lives.

**People: We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.**

\*OPENING HYMN #2236

*Gather Us In*

The Faith We Sing

***1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.***

***4. Not in the darken of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light-years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in, and hold us forever, gather us in, and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.***

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**In every time and place, O God,  
send forth your Spirit to instruct your people,  
that the Scriptures may come alive as they are  
read and sung, contemplated and studied  
in adoration for what you have done for us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Lamentations 3:19-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!

My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in God.'  
For those who wait God is good,  
to the soul that seeks God.  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Psalm 23*

L.E. Oldham

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.  
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Though I prepare a table in the presence of my enemies;  
Thou annointest my head with oil. My cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 130

TIFFANY WILLIAMS-FASHIMPAUR

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice!  
**People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**  
Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
**People: But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be worshiped.**  
Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, in the Lord's word I hope;  
**People: my soul waits for the Lord**  
**more than those who watch for the morning,**  
**more than those who watch for the morning.**  
Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
with the Lord is plenteous redemption.  
**People: And the Lord will redeem Israel from all iniquities.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #472

*Near to the Heart of God*

The United Methodist Hymnal

***1. There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;  
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.***

***O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful.

Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another:

**People: O God, deliver us from our sins and our distress.**

**We confess that we have not done your will.**

**We have failed to fulfill our vows to you.**

**Forgive us and free us**

**to walk before you,**

**to be your servant,**

**and to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving,**

**through Jesus Christ our Deliverer. Amen.**

Leader: Christ offered himself for us so we can have eternal life.

We live in the generosity of God's grace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: God, in your mercy . . .

**People: Hear our prayer.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE 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,**

**forever. Amen.**

\*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

*Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.*

\*GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Essential Question #4:  
Do You Need a Deeper Devotion?*

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\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #474

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

The United Methodist Hymnal

**1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:**

**Refrain:**

***Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.***

**2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
(Refrain)**

**3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
(Refrain)**

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

arr. D. Blackwell

**This week's worship leaders:**

Darren Cushman Wood

*Senior Pastor*

Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur

*Pastor of Mission & Outreach*

Mark Gilgallon

*Director of Music*

Heather Hinton

*Organist*

John Hague

*Videographer*

**Livestreaming Choir:**

Kate Roberts & Gina Walker

*Sopranos*

Amy Cuomo & Rosie Jordan

*Altos*

Nate Hein & Greg Jordan

*Tenors*

Ron Berry & Tom Woo

*Basses*