



March 30, 2025 – Livestream
Fourth Sunday of Lent

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill Moffett

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. J.A. Black

Cathedral Ringers; Kelley & Jeff Warbinton, directors

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time to heed the call

People: and bear witness to God's name.

Leader: This is the place to share Christ's love

People: and become the vessels of God's Redeeming Word.

*OPENING HYMN #2235B

We Are Marching

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, ooo, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, ooo, we are marching in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing, ooo, we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing, ooo, we are singing in the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.

We are praying, ooo, we are singing in the light of God.

We are praying, ooo, we are singing in the light of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Good Lord,

you show us the way in Jesus Christ.

By the power of your Holy Spirit

help us to practice justice, desire mercy,

and walk tenderly with you. Amen.

O Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon.
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope.
 Where there is darkness, light;
 Where there is sadness, joy.
 O divine Master, grant that we might not seek:
 to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love;
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Isaiah 42:1-9

Leader: God says: "Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
 I have put my spirit upon them;
 they will bring forth justice to the nations.

**People: They will not cry or yell in the streets;
 a bruised reed they will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick they will not quench.**

Leader: They will faithfully bring forth justice.

**People: They will not grow faint or be crushed
 until they have established justice in the world;
 and the coastlands wait for their teaching.**

Leader: Thus says God, the Lord,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,

**People: who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:**

Leader: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
 I have given you, my servant, as a covenant to the people,

**People: a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.**

Leader: I am the Lord, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

**People: See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth, I tell you of them.**

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:2-6

²You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by all, ³and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are human hearts. ⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are qualified of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our qualification is from God, ⁶who has made us qualified to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

***Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!***

***Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!***

***Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Brandon Wallace

Leader: Jesus calls us to be the light of the world,
but we have hidden his light under our sins.

Let us confess our sin and seek the freedom of God to be a worthy witness for Christ.

**People: We confess that we have not believed or acted
as if your reign will come on earth as it is in heaven.**

Leader: We confess that we have tolerated the spiritual forces of racism.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We confess that we have accepted the evil power of war.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: We confess that we have benefited from the exploitation of workers.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We confess that we have ignored the destruction of creation.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Give us the freedom to resist evil, injustice and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves.

**People: Give us the power to rebuild the world
with goodness, justice, and peace.**

Leader: Give us the joy to be a church
whose worship is your realm
and whose work is your ever-coming reign.

People: Amen. Amen. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2127

Kyrie

***Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. P. Hurlbutt

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*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

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Peculiar People, Part 4: The Light of the World

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

This Little Light of Mine

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

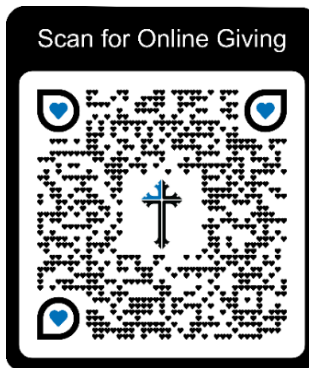
***All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
all through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
all through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Lead, Kindly Light

J. Spong



Upcoming Events:

April 2, Communion in the Chapel during Lent, 7:30am

April 4, Pacer Game, 7:00pm

April 6, Children's Earth Day Fun Day Mission

April 9, Prayer Workshop with Pastor Joel Everson,
5:30-7:00pm in the Club Room

April 13, Youth Egg-stravaganza! (grades 6-12), 12:30-3:00pm

April 26, Community Clean Up Day, 10:00am-1:00pm

April 27, Earth Day

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday, April 13

Holy Thursday, April 17, 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 18, 12 noon and 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Services, April 20, 8:30am and 11:00am

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Jill Moffett

Pastor of Community Formation

Brandon Wallace

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