

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



## SIGNS OF LIFE why church matters

### SHELTER



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### WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**If you are new to our congregation:** Please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

**Childcare is available:** During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**If you read music:** if there is a number next to the title of the hymn, the music will be in our blue Hymnal, which is in the pew rack. Hymn numbers with an "S" in front are in the front section of the Hymnal, all others are sequential in the main section.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Getting to know each other:** Following the service we welcome **everyone** for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, which is up the ramp archway across from the doors of the sanctuary, and to the right.

***A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.***

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Antiphons*

M. Dupre

*[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

GATHERING HYMN

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

H 708

*[Please stand when the chimes sound.]*

***Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.***

***Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*[Please be seated.]*

ACCLAMATION

*[Please stand.]*

- P** Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.
- G** God's mercy endures for ever.

GATHERING PRAYER

- P** We pray for our life as a church community sharing God's signs of life:
- All** Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THEME HYMN

*Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

***Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,  
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might, Life whose life all life endowed:  
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name  
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.***

***Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine, Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,  
Well and Water, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:  
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name  
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.***

***Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove, Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,  
Comfort, Counselor, Presence, Love, Energies that never tire:  
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name  
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.***

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray...Beloved God, who, in your mercy, shelters us with your tender embrace; grant that we may know you as our one true refuge from the world of suffering, and help us to offer compassionate sanctuary to our neighbors in need; even as you dwell within and among us, one holy and undivided Trinity, forever and ever.

**G** **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

**THE READINGS:** Isaiah 32:1-2,15-20, Psalm 31:1-5, 14-16, Revelation 7:11-17, John 10:9-16  
[Please be seated.]

### The First Reading

**L** The First Reading is taken from *Isaiah chapter 32*...

See here: A king rules to promote righteousness; rulers govern to promote justice, each like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from a storm, like streams of water in a wasteland, like the shade of a massive cliff in a worn-out land.

[A] spirit from on high [will be] poured out on us, and the desert turns into farmland, and the farmland is considered a forest. Then justice will reside in wild lands, and righteousness will abide in farmlands. The fruit of righteousness will be peace, and the outcome of righteousness, calm and security forever. Then my people will live in a peaceful dwelling, in secure homes, in carefree resting places. Even if the forest falls and the humbled city is laid low, those who sow beside any stream will be happy, sending out ox and donkey to graze.

**L** The Word of the Lord

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm

[Tune: *O for a Thousand Tongues*]

[Please remain seated.]

**I find my refuge, Lord, in you; In justice set me free;  
Save me from shame, Lord, hear my prayer, Make haste, deliver me.**

**Be my strong rock, my citadel, A fortress strong and sure;  
Lord, rescue me from secret snares; In you I am secure.**

**My times are in your hand, O Lord; Save me from all distress;  
Let your face shine upon me, save Me in your faithfulness.**

**Bless God who showed me such great love And wondrous loving care,  
And heard me when I felt bereft And cried out in despair.**

## The Second Reading

**L** *The Second Reading is taken from Revelation chapter 7...*

All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen."

Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

I said to him, "Sir, you know."

Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION**

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

H. 513 vs 2-3

[Please stand.]

**To the members of Christ's Body, to the branches of the Vine,  
to the Church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.**

## The Gospel

**D** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**G** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**D** I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him. "I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd."

**D** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Cindy Roehl

[Please be seated.]

## **Sermon Hymn**

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

[Please stand.]

***The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.***

***Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.***

***Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.***

## **NICENE CREED**

[Please stand.]

**☒ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you prefer.]

**☒ Remembering that it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us, let us pray for the Church and for the world.**

- L We pray for all who call you Lord. Enliven our common life, that together we may worship you joyfully, give our hearts wholly to you in prayer, and gently commend to others the faith that is in us. We pray for all who are in need and who suffer [especially, *read names from notebook*] and for those we name, aloud or silently. [*Leave time...*]. Help us to answer the prayers of those who cry out to you.
- C **Lord Christ, live in us so that we are courageous agents of justice and compassion, and share our resources generously.**
- L We pray for the leaders around the world. Help them to respect all by considering others as equal to themselves, by thinking charitably towards all neighbors near and far, and by seeking to understand and appreciate those who differ from them.
- C **Lord Christ, live in us so that we love and serve others as you love and serve us.**
- L We pray for all who are responsible for the mission and ministry of the church, lay and ordained.
- C **Lord Christ, live in us so that we are humble, patient and act with integrity, using the values and promises of the Reign of God as the foundation of every decision, action or abstention.**
- L We pray for a sense of awe for all you have created and entrusted to us, including our own bodies, your creation, and the lives of others. We give you thanks for the blessings of this life. You open your hand and fill the earth with good things.
- C **Lord Christ, live in us so that we cherish the gifts you have given us, conserving and healing your creation for the sake of those who come after us.**
- L We pray for those whose life on this earth has ended, [especially, *read names from notebook*] and for those we name, aloud or silently. [*Leave time...*]. Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- C **Lord Christ, live in us so that we follow the good examples of your saints, who teach us to enjoy worldly goods and comforts in moderation, and to be honest in our daily life and work.**
- L Let your grace restore us, good Lord, and let your Spirit inspire us.
- C **Lord Christ, live in us and accomplish in us the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

*[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]*

Ⓓ Let us confess our sins to God. *[Silence is kept.]*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; . . .

Ⓔ **in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Ⓔ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Ⓔ **Amen.**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

*[Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual blessing.]*

*[No Children's Message during Lent]*

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*[Please stand. **During the cold and flu season, we request that the Peace be exchange without handshakes or hugging.** An elbow or fist bump, wave, or bow, accompanied by a smile and "the Peace of the Lord be with you," will do nicely for the time being.]*

Ⓔ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Ⓔ **And also with you.** *[All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.]*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ⓓ Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Bring your tithes, gifts and offering with gladness.

### OFFERTORY

*[Please be seated. **If this is your first time worshiping with us, please let your offering be only the completed blue guest card, and let this service be our gift to you.]***

## PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]

- ☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

***Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

***Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

- ☐ The Lord be with you.  
☑ **And also with you.**  
☐ Lift up your hearts.  
☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**  
☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
☐ It is Right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

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[Please stand or kneel as you prefer.]

- Ⓟ Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
- Ⓟ He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
- Ⓟ On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
- Ⓟ After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is My Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
- Ⓟ Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- Ⓞ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**
- Ⓟ All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
- Ⓞ **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Ⓟ And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
- Ⓜ **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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**P** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C** Therefore let us keep the feast.

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

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***Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.***

**P** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there for you to consume. [During the cold and flu season, we will not be sharing the Common Cup.] When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*[Please remain seated.]*

## COMMUNION CHANT

*Bless The Lord*

*[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a chant. The first staff is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.——". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The piece ends with a double bar line.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

**P** Let us pray...

**G** Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

**P** Our Triune God gives us the signs of life, equipping, empowering, and strengthening us to become disciples of Christ Jesus. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, bless you in your Lenten journey, today and throughout this holy season.

**G** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

H 525 vs 1,2

***The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.***

***Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.***

## THE DISMISSAL

**D** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata in E minor*

J. Pachelbel

## **SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon & Preacher	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Carey Cheritvch
Lectors	Dawn Gordon