

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

9:30 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Here For You* Willers & Olson  
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### The Call to Worship

We worship in the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world. Let us watch for the coming sign of God's power, a humble servant lifted up on a cross. God has marked us as beloved dust and called us together to worship.

The Hymn of Praise *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* 280  
(verses 1, 3 & 5)

### The Call to Confession

Through the mercy of God in the light has come to us in Jesus Christ. For people who live in darkness. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ.

### The Prayer of Confession

By the gift of your grace we are saved, O God, from all that separates us from you.  
Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love.  
Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control.  
Forgive us when we do not recognize the radical gift of your grace; have mercy when we fail or refuse to share that grace with another.  
Now we approach God in the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions.  
(Silence)  
Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.  
Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.

The Assurance of Pardon John 3:17  
Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Gloria Patri 579  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Special Music *I Lift Up My Soul* Mannion  
Peggy Knutson, soloist & John M. Poma, Guitar OneLicense#81296

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children "Snakes and Jesus Lifted Up" Peggy Knutson

The Old Testament Reading Numbers 21:4-9

The New Testament Reading Luke 19:1-10

The Sermon "Dusty Road" Pastor Philomena

## Our Response to Serve

### The Affirmation of Faith (Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Hymn *You Are My Strength* 519

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts  
The Prayer of Dedication

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Go Now* Peterson & Olson

**To keep having a printed bulletin, please take it home with you to dispose of it there.**

A poem from the Covid=19 team:

**Wear your mask upon your face.  
For the Lord's house is a special place.  
Be kind-Be safe and stay aware.  
That Covid is here and We must Care.**

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*The Son of Man  
came to seek out  
and to save the lost.*

Luke 19:10, NRSV



*Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians*