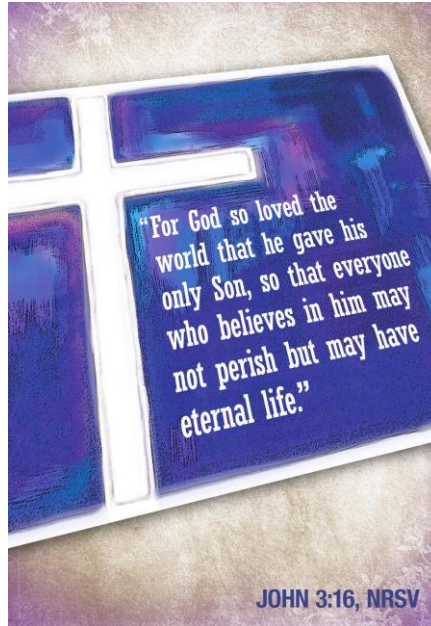


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Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 10, 2024
8:30 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book, pick up some coloring sheets and crayons or take along a copy of this week’s children’s bulletin.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Peace
(I've Got Peace Like a River)

Setting: Fred Gramann

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession

In becoming one of us, God became poor so we could receive the riches of mercy.
In coming to us, God took on our death, so we could be made alive together with Christ. Come now, offer your confessions, knowing that by grace you have been saved.

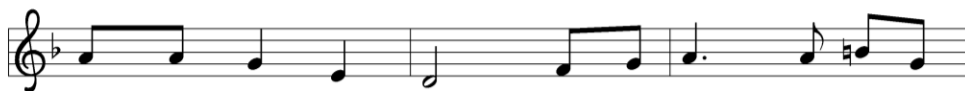
**The words we speak all too often do not show you in our lives.
We spend so much time boasting to others,
they imagine we have no need for you.
We grumble impatiently when you don't respond immediately to our requests,
but are slow to sing your praises.
We mutter under our breath about the behavior of those around us,
when we could be asking them if there is some way we could serve them.**

**It is on our journey to the cross and the tomb
that you fill us with the riches of your mercy.
You do so, not because of anything we have done,
but because of the compassion which flows from your heart.
As we open our lives to receive your forgiveness,
may we turn to the Light which brings us life,
following Jesus Christ every step along the way.**

How much does God love us?
Enough to send the divine heart, hope,
and spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us.
**Not by speaking or doing,
but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.
Thanks be to God. Amen**



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.

General

Light of life beyond conceiving,
mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone.

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,
may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do.

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation,
be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole.

Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright.

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of goodness and grace, gather us in your arms of love.

Gather us as people of your goodness and grace.

Gather us in worship and prayer, that we may be strengthened with faith and courage. Gather us as those who are eager to live
and to share your goodness and grace.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

Word of God, Word of Hope.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

Gospel John 3:14-21

Translation: NRSV-UE

The holy gospel according to John.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust in your Word.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“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.
Those who believe in him are not condemned,
but those who do not believe are condemned already
because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.
For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light,
so that their deeds may not be exposed.
But those who do what is true come to the light,
so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Inspired by your Word, we offer you our praise.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Cindy Camp

Please stand as you are able.

Word in Song

Amazing Grace

ELW Song #779

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Apostles' Creed

Let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen**

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect
in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things,
let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

After each petition:

God of goodness and grace,
receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace,
and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Response to God's gifts

The assembly responds to the Word of God by gathering an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please place your offering in the offering plates on the tables in the rear of the worship center.

The table is set.

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord of Light be with you.
And also with you.

As Christ was lifted up to save us, let us offer our hearts to God.
We lift them to the One who feeds us with the Bread of heaven.

Pilgrims of Lent, continue to offer praise to the One who leads you into life.
We give thanks to God, whose love is constant through all eternity.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

As we remember Christ's life, his ministry, his death;
as we follow him through Good Friday into Easter,
we speak of that mystery known as faith;

Christ came to call us back to you;
Christ died to save us;
Christ will come again to lift us to you.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to the table

This is bread for the journey.
This is a feast for hungry hearts.
Come and eat.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Song

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Members of the Adult Choir

Dan Forrest


Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;




there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

Amen

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go in peace.

Christ is with you on your journey.

Thanks be to God.

Verses



1. By your hand you feed your peo - ple food of
 2. In this meal we taste your sweet - ness, bread for
 3. Send us now with faith and cour - age to the



an - gels, heav - en's bread. For these gifts we did not
 hun - ger, wine of peace. Ho - ly word and Ho - ly
 hun - gry, lost, be - reaved. In our liv - ing and our



la - bor; by your grace have we been fed.
 wis - dom, sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
 dy - ing we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blest and bro - ken, Cup o'er -



flow - ing, life out - poured, giv - en as a liv - ing



to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:

- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Use your credit or debit card at the Giving Kiosk;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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