

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 22, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time Brice Smith

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

*Call to Worship *A Call to Worship and Obedience*

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95:1-7 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Opening # 440 “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us” *BRADBURY*

*Invocation Prayer The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

Songs of Praise Worship Team

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament 1 Samuel 16:1-13

A Responsive Reading from the Psalter Psalm 23

A Reading from the Apostles Ephesians 5:8-14

*A Reading from the Gospels John 9:1-41

*Response # 499 “He Leadeth Me” *HE LEADETH ME*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Mission Moment America for Christ Offering Video

Invitation to Giving & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Message “Great Things Happen when God is with Us”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song # 422 “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”** WT

***Spoken Benediction** The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

Postlude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist
**Please stand if able*

BUILDING CLOSED – The Church building was *closed to the public* upon the order of the Shawnee County Health Department and the consent of the Church Council until further notice. All children and youth programs are suspended for the Coronavirus (COVID 19) national health emergency. Members and small groups may use the building if fewer than 10 persons gather in a single space, individuals practice safe hygiene, and insure social-distancing (families at least six-feet apart).

LENT - (Anglo-Saxon *lencten*, which means "spring") is a solemn religious period of 40 days, not counting Sundays, when Christians repent, fast, and prepare for the coming of Easter. The season begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Maundy Thursday. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

THE LORD'S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month, and on special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

PASTORAL CARE – Pastor Ivan continues to fulfill his vows and vocation during this current health crisis. He will be preaching on Sundays and teaching Bible studies online. He is happy to make pastoral visits upon request. Please contact him at the Church Office or his home (785) 267-0936.



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