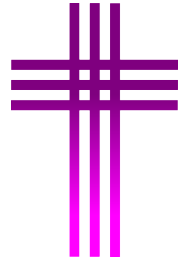


Sunday, March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Prelude *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* William Bradbury, arr. by Phillip Keveren
Emma Rustan, piano

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship Karen, Jeremy and Niklas Jeannette

One: God is here and we gather to offer praise and prayer.

All: Here we find in full measure what it means to be the people of God.

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All: Here we are reminded of our need for grace and renewal and we find both.

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All: Here we faithfully give and receive and offer ourselves to the way of love.

Hymn *God is Here*

UM Hymnal #660, v. 1, 3, 4
led by Michael Goodlet and Velda Graham Bell

*1. God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.*

*3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.*

*Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.*

*4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!*

Morning Prayer

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Prayer Song *O How He Loves You and Me*

The Faith We Sing #2108

O how he loves you and me!

O how he loves you and me!

He gave his life. What more could he give?

O how he loves you; O how he loves me;

O how he loves you and me!

Prayers of Concern and Celebration

Jesus' Prayer - contemporary version by Parker Palmer

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come; we pray that your good will be done; let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need; give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us; from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days – come swiftly, Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One.

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon

Scripture Reading

Amanda Pederson

John 13:34-35

Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

1 John 4:17-21

If we truly love others and live as Christ did in this world, we won't be worried about the day of judgment. A real love for others will chase those worries away. The thought of being punished is what makes us afraid. It shows that we have not really learned to love. We love because God loved us first. But if we say we love God and don't love each other, we are liars. We cannot see God. So how can we love God, if we don't love the people we can see? The commandment that God has given us is: "Love God and love each other!"

Anthem

Wade in the Water

Strikepoint

arr. Benjamin Tucker

Sermon

Love is the Way - Love: Means and Reveals All

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

UM Hymnal #428, v. 1 and 3
led by Michael Goodlet and Velda Graham Bell

*1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.*

*3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.*

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Velda Graham Bell, organ

J.S. Bach

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First UMC: Bins for food donations will be outside the front doors from 9-3, Monday through Friday.

Envelopes with checks may be left in the bins or mailed to the church.

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