

MARCH 14th, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: It is an awesome thing to be in the presence of the Lord, and to call God's holy name.

People: As far as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are above our ways.

Pastor: Come with confidence, knowing that the Lord has revealed the depth of his love by sending Christ to draw us closer.

Many: With all that is within us we will bless our God who, by the richness of his mercy, lifts us up from the pit of despair and crowns us with steadfast love.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord

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HYMN #70 *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Holy God, whose mercy is greater than our gravest sin, hear our cries and come to us, we pray. Have compassion and meet us wherever we are, for although we are in different locations and isolated from one another right now, we are still a community of your people. Pour down your blessing on us during this time of worship. Affirm us in the teachings of Christ by which we rightly live, and confront us with the teachings of Christ from which we wrongly turn. Where there is falseness in our minds, extinguish it with your truth. Where there is coldness in our hearts, kindle the flame of your love. Where there is joy and hope in our existence, move us to share it with others. And where we are worn and tired, bring us new life. We ask these things in the name of Christ our Savior, who taught us to address you like this, saying:

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 and Ephesians 2:1-10

SERMON MESSAGE: *Rich in Mercy* Rev. Gagnon

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Prayer Requests
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

For life-sustaining gifts that we so often take for granted—such as shelter, food, and meaningful work to do; for your steadfast love that awakens us and raises us from our despair; for your word that teaches and guides us—we give you thanks, gracious God. As we invest a portion of our treasure, time and talent to further the ministries of our church, we pray that they will be used to show to others the richness of your mercy in Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN #72 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

BENEDICTION (Responsive):

Pastor: God sent Jesus into the world that the world might believe. The Lord sends us into the world to share that good news with others.

People: In Christ we are not condemned to perish. Jesus came to offer us abundant life.

Pastor: Let everyone see the light you have received today. Live openly as people who are blessed by the richness of God's mercy.

People: By grace we have been saved through faith. We thank God for his wonderful works and rejoice in God's love for all humankind.

Pastor: Go in peace to be merciful to others as God intends, and make that mercy your way of life.

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL