

The Worship of God

4th Sunday in Lent • March 22, 2020

Gathering

News for Our Life Together

Sounding of the Trinity

Prelude

You Are Mine

David Haas

Gail Thomas, soprano; Laura Viau, alto; Wayne Tillman, tenor; Chad Hammer, bass

- 1 "I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.

Refrain:

"Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."

- 2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me. (Refrain)

- 3 "I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in
shame. All the blind will see; the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. (Refrain)

- 4 "I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I am the peace the world cannot
give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live! (Refrain)

Call to Worship

One: Return to the Lord your God,

All: for God is gracious.

One: Confess to the Lord your God,

All: for God is merciful.

One: Repent to the Lord your God,

All: for God is slow to anger.

One: Praise the Lord your God, for God abounds in steadfast love.

All: Together we will worship our God, who is worthy of all praise!

Opening Prayer

Randy Warner

Hymn #649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Your word still rings true, Lord, generation after generation. You are a God who keeps promises. Yet we confess that we would prefer your work to conform to our timeline, and even better, to our desires. We confess that our hands are busied by work that we design. Our minds are prone to wander, and our hearts forget to love. The passions offered up by the world distract us from our promises to help build your Kingdom. Hear now, our own personal confession. *(Silence for personal confession.)* Forgive us, O God. Help us slow down, get real, and be completely honest with ourselves and with you.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Praise

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

Offering

A Call to Generosity

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Hearing the Word

Conversation with the Youth/Children

Rev. Laura Viau

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Shine On”

Rev. Laura Viau

Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (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, forever. Amen.**

Sending

Hymn #213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2 When the woes of life overtake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Laura Viau, Interim Pastor (laurabviau@gmail.com);
Robin Fort, Director of Music; **Randy Warner**, Organist/Pianist; **Joyce Winkler**, Qualified Ruling
Elder; **Stephanie Reeves**, Secretary; **Linda Rowell**, Church Treasurer; **Crystal Braxton**, Nursery;
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