



March 22, 2020 – 10:30 am
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Katrina Bergman, seminarian intern

I go among the trees and sit still.
All my stirring becomes quiet
Around me like circles on water.
My tasks lie in their places
where I left them, asleep like cattle.

Then what is afraid of me comes
and lives a while in my sight.
What it fears in me leaves me,
and the fear of me leaves it.
It sings, and I hear its song.

Then what I am afraid of comes.
I live for a while in its sight.
What I fear in it leaves it,
and the fear of it leaves me.
It sings, and I hear its song.

After days of labor,
mute in my consternations,
I hear my song at last,
and I sing it. As we sing,
the day turns, the trees move.

– from *A Timbered Choir* by Wendell Berry

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Prelude Patrice Meschke
Welcome Katrina Bergman

Gathering Song #627 *I Love You, Lord*

***Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Brenda Martens

Awaken from your slumber, and bring your fears and anxieties into the presence of our God.

Day by day, our God leads us: to the deep, deep pools of peace.

May the light of Christ shine into the hidden darkness of our lives and restore us in our faith.

Day by day, our God leads us: to the deep, deep pools of grace.

***Hymn #187** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

***Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Almighty and merciful God,

We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy,

Just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

***Please stand if you are able.**

All hymns are in the purple Glory to God hymnal.

***Declaration of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Alleluia and amen!

***Song of Rejoicing** *Sing for yourself as an individual:*

**Surely it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense.
And he will be my savior.**

Sing for the church as a community:

**Surely it is God who saves us, we will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense.
And he will be our savior.**

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor, saying, "Peace be with you."

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Missions

Hunger Program

Brenda Martens

***Hymn #661**

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23
John 9:1-4

Sermon

"Jesus, Light of the World"

Special Music

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer *(ecumenical version)*

**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.**

Offertory

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication GTG #607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Hymn #463**

How Firm a Foundation

***Benediction**

***Sung Response #379**

We Shall Overcome (verses 1 and 4)

Postlude

We will not be having a coffee fellowship this morning.