

March 19, 2023 – Order of Service – 4th Sunday in Lent

Please join in hymns, responses & prayers (boldtype**)*

Welcome ~ Announcements

(Deacon)

We acknowledge that we live, meet and work in Treaty 1 land, the traditional land of the Indigenous peoples and the homeland of the Metis nation, and that our water is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and water and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator.

Gathering Music

Gathering of the Community:

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Opening Hymn: VU 30 "Hail to God's Own Anointed"

**Hail to God's own anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, God's reign on earth begun!
Christ comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**Christ comes with justice surely to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.**

**Christ shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.**

**To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.
His name shall stand for ever: that name to us is Love.**

Collect:

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Gospel Hymn: CP 519 / VU 747 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness
even for his own name's sake.**

**Yea though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
any my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forever more
my dwelling place shall be.**

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Reflection

🎵 *Musical Interlude* 🎵

Prayers of the People

Blessing for Special Occasions (*Unmute to make a request*):

We offer thanks for N this day, for his/her/their presence and gifts, and the relationships s/he/they nourish(es). Bless him/her/them this day and always. May Your face shine in and through her/him/them, so that our world might know You more fully. Amen.

The Peace (*All unmute to greet one another*)

Offertory Hymn: VU 509 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts:

God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Invitation to Communion:

The body of Christ of which we are members has taken bread and wine and given thanks, in response to Jesus' commandment to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love. Like the woman who touched only the hem of Jesus' garment and received healing, so we who draw near to Christ are blessed, whether or not we receive the sacrament.

The Lord's Prayer:

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

(All lift up bread and wine)



The Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the children of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Presider: The body and blood of Christ given for you.

(All consume elements before them)

 *Music during Communion* 

Presider: All your works praise you, O God.

All: **And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: VU 646 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching,oo-oo,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching,oo-oo,
we are marching in the light of God.**

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamba, hambasiyahamba,oo-oo,
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamba, hambasiyahamba,oo-oo,
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.**

Dismissal:

Deacon:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Community Connecting

Sending Music