



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2024

10:00 am

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We are experimenting with **NOT** standing for hymns and responses during Lent.

**Bold** indicates congregational response.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE LENTEN CANDLES

Heidi and Bruce Harper

**Loving God, we thank you that you are with us, and that we may call upon you no matter where we are, or what we are feeling. Keep us mindful of your presence and trusting in your promise—that you are working with us in the moment-by-moment unfolding of our lives. Amen.**

Instrumental Music

Northside Handchimes Choir

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**God of love, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit at the expense of others. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ,**

**(silence)**

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/PASSING OF THE PEACE\* 221

**What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

EPISTLE – Ephesians 2:1-10

Bruce Harper

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

*"God So Loved the World"*

GOSPEL – John 3:14-21

SERMON

Dr. Linda Dickerson

*“Where Is Your Focus?”*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

**... Holy, holy, holy God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**... Christ has died, Christ has risen,  
Christ will come again.**

**... 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.**

**Sharing of Bread and Cup**

*Prayer after communion:* **Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we now go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. Amen.**

HYMN

*"He Came Down"*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

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**God, be the love to search and keep me;  
God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

*To those who are weary and need rest;  
To all who are lonely and need friends;  
To all who mourn and need comfort;  
To all who pray,  
and to all who do not, but ought;  
To all who sin and need a Savior,  
And to whosoever comes –  
The Church opens wide its doors, and  
says.*