

**March 22, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Opening Hymn “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” #9 Red Hymnal

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come, people of God, to know again who you are; return to the One who gives you life.

**Congregation: We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.**

Liturgist: Come, all who are blind but long to see, all who stumble in the dark but yearn for light.

**Congregation: We are glad for this time of healing and refreshment, this hour of celebration and enlightenment.**

Liturgist: “Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.”

**Congregation: We are alert to the surprises God has in store for us, eager to see the new possibilities Christ offers.**

Hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #129 Red Hymnal

Confession of Sin

**Great God, above all gods, we confess our shortcomings to you this day. We resist your saving presence as you break into our daytime routines to heal our brokenness and set us on new paths. We turn our backs on your love and refuse to take the risks of caring and trusting – the way Christ taught us to relate to others. Dear God, during this time of isolation and anxiety, help us to emulate the love of Christ as we take care of ourselves and minister to the needs of the most vulnerable in our midst. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Kyrie #333 Red Hymnal

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise "What a Fellowship" #290 Red Hymnal

Epistle Lesson – Ephesians 5:8-14

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Gospel Lesson – John 9:1-41

Sermon

Apostle's Creed (Inside Back Cover Red Hymnal)

Hymn "Amazing Grace" #233 Red Hymnal

Benediction

Congregational Response "Shalom" #368 Red Hymnal