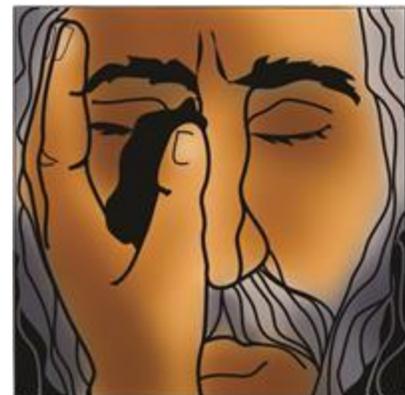


# LIVING ROOM WORSHIP — MARCH 22, 2020

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(ELW Service of the Word)



### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Brief silence for private confession*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, UMH*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love  
  
Here I raise my Ebenezer, here there by Thy grace I've come  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood  
  
Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above  
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### GREETING

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

## LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Come, come let us return to the Lord;  
Come, come let us return to the Lord.  
In brokenness of heart, we consecrate our lives singing:  
Come, come let us return to the Lord

Come, Let Us Return to the Lord, Text and Music by Matt Redman, © 2003 Thankyou Music

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are Mine, #581 ELW

### You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
all will know my name. *To refrain*  
up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



*Refrain*  
Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and 4*

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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

Almighty and eternal God, worthy to be held in reverence by all people everywhere, we give you humble and sincere thanks for the innumerable blessings that you have bestowed on us without any merit or worthiness on our part. We praise you especially for preserving for us your saving Word and the Holy Sacraments. Provide faithful pastors to preach your Word with power. Help all who hear

the Word rightly to understand and truly to believe it. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bestow your grace on all nations of the earth. Bless especially our country, its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Let your glory dwell in our land, that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound in all places. Guide those who govern us to make right decisions in these uncertain times. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Lord, graciously defend us from all calamity by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine, and from every other evil. Especially, we implore you, to save us from this current plague amongst us. Protect and prosper all who labor in their rightful callings to find a vaccine, or even a cure, for this new strain of the coronavirus. Look with mercy especially upon those who are elderly, immuno-compromised, and frail. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Accept, we implore you, O Lord, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before you as our humble service. Fill us, your children, with hearts moved toward generosity in supporting your ministry among us, and with compassion to help all in need as we are able. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Father, as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work you have given us to do while it is day, before the night comes when no one can work. And when our last hour comes, support us by your power, and receive us into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **OFFERING**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(traditional)*

### **THE BLESSING**