11:00 A.M.
Sunday, March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Lent
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude  
“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”  
JS Bach

Choral Introit  
“Kyrie Eleison”  
Plainsong, Tone 8

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.

We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship*  
Psalm 121

Leader: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from where comes my help.  
People: My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.  
Leader: God will not suffer thy foot to be moved;  
The Lord will not slumber nor sleep.  
People: The Lord is thy keeper:  
the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.  
Leader: The sun shall not smite me by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
People: The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:  
the Lord shall preserve thy soul.  
Leader: The Lord shall preserve thy coming out and going in  
from this time forth, and even for evermore.  
Let us worship God in trust and hope.

*Hymn*  
“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”  
Hymn No. 314

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession (The people joining)*

Gracious God, we are moving into unchartered waters and things feel different. It is so easy for us to abide in fear instead of trust. Help us to remember as people of faith that we are not only individual people, but members of the Body of Christ and the larger community. Help us to focus on your promises to us...to remember you are with us now and throughout all our days whether it is the still waters or in the valley of shadows. By your Spirit, your gifts of light and love are never ending. Help us to open our hearts to those gifts moving among us and through us and share it with the world. It is in the name of your son, the Prince of Peace, that we pray. Amen.

*Silent Confessions*

*Assurance of Pardon*
Response to Confession

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

Hymn No. 183

The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Reading

John 9:1-41

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Are Your Eyes Closed or Open?"

The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn

"We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"

Hymn No. 817

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem

"Crucifixus" (Mass in B minor) JS Bach

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered, died, and was buried.

Prayer of Dedication
We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn
“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”  Hymn No. 490

Benediction

Organ Postlude  “Fugue in G minor”  JS Bach

Worship Leaders:  The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Dr. David Holyan, Pastor

Music Ministry:  Chancel Choir; Leslie Mallory, soloist;
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries;
Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Stream Host:  Gary Hepp

Thank you for worshipping with us.

The Prelude, Offertory Anthem, and Postlude today are in recognition of the birthday yesterday of Johann Sebastian Bach
(March 21, 1685 - July 28, 1750)

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Wash, O God, 
Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G) 
F Dm Bb

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, new-born creatures
2 Every day we need your nurture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined,

(D) (Bm) 
F Dm

of your womb. Number them among your people, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of
all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our

(G) (D) (A) (C) 
Bb F C

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them garments bright and
blessing, living bread. God, renew us; guide our
lives we worship, praise! We your people stand be-

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D) 
Dm Am Dm Bb C F

sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them;
footsteps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our

(Bm) (G) (D) 
Dm Bb F

send your Spirit, holy dove and heart’s delight.
living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.
lives we offer. Re-create us; God, transform!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over
the Water in The Book of Common Worship, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and
renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ’s resurrection.