

## March 22, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Announcements:

**Call Returned:** The call for our preschool teacher/director was returned. Our next move is to go through the assignment committee at MLC. Pray God blesses our efforts.

**Email:** If you have not gotten an email message from the church this past week it means we don't have it. We are relying on this means to communicate with members so please call or email us your email address.

**Offerings:** As you know not having people in church also means, for many, not being able to give an offering to support the Gospel ministry we are doing, through the church. For those who are able to continue to give an offering, you can mail it (use the self-addressed envelope in your offering packet) to the Church office, 500 Village Drive. We also strongly encourage you to consider using the e-giving option. You can find a link to this on our website. If neither of these works for you call the office to make arrangements. 532-2162.

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### Hymns:

#### #523 God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, On your people pour your pow'r;  
Crown your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail his ways.  
From our fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of your salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving you whom we adore, Serving you whom we adore.

### #120 What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown For my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

### #486 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To th' unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely, of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity  
In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it unto me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you need what we can do,  
Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings Which on ev'ry hand we view  
Channels are for gifts and off'rings Due by solemn right to you.  
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay  
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.

Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you;  
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.

### 517. Almighty Father, Strong to Save

Almighty Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bids the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:  
Oh, hear our earnest, humble plea For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er which our traffic runs amain  
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, your people go,  
Protect them by your guarding hand From ev'ry peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;  
O Wind of heaven, by your might Save all who dare the eagle's flight,  
And keep them by your watchful care From ev'ry peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow'r, Your people shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them all where'er they go;  
Thus ever more to you shall be Glad praise from air and land and sea.

### Scripture Readings:

**Hosea 5:15-6:3:** "Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me." "Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

**Romans 8:1-10:** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

**Matthew 20:17-28:** Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!" Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you

want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."