

Welcome to our 9:00am worship service!

- We love having children with us for worship. If your child would like an activity board to use during the service, please speak to an usher at the door. If your child is 3 or younger and would like to go downstairs to our nursery, an usher can provide you with directions.
- Our Pre-K - 5th Grade (age 4 - 5th Grade) class, & Youth (grades 6-12) class begin downstairs every Sunday at 9:00am--except on the 1st Sunday of the month, they remain here with us in the sanctuary for worship.
- If you would like a LARGE PRINT Bible or hymnal, or a hearing assistance device, please feel free to speak to an usher.
- If you are able, please stand during the parts of the service marked with a *.
- Please join us in reading or singing the words in **bold**.

We Gather as the Church

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Sue Frost

*Please share the red Friendship Pad with one another and leave on the aisle pew.
If you would like to receive our newsletters, please include your address & email.*

Call to Worship

Leader: Each time someone is baptized, the whole church body gathered also makes vows.

People: One of the things we promise is to be a community of love and forgiveness.

Leader: Each day we must choose between letting the difficult things about life create resentment in us or allowing the work of forgiveness to make way for love.

People: Jesus forgave others, even when he was hanging on the cross. What wondrous love is this!

*Hymn "What Wondrous Love is This" (v. 1-3) *Purple Hymnal #292*

*Opening Prayer

Holy and Living God, to choose You is to choose love. Nudge us toward the reconciliation that ushers in right relationship. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. May peace flow. Let justice roll; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture Lesson Luke 23:32-43

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message "I Choose Love: Communities of Forgiveness"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4K5GKaxbn8>
("I Choose Love" Music by Mark L. Miller)

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" (verses 1-3) *Purple Hymnal #377*
~~Sharing our Joys and Concerns~~
~~—Please conclude with "This is my prayer." Then we all respond, "This is our prayer."~~

Call to Prayer "Come and Fill Our Hearts" *Black Hymnal #2157*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

Pastor's Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response "Come and Fill Our Hearts" *Black Hymnal #2157*

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Invitation to Give and to Serve God

Ministry of Music — Chancel Choir

*A Song to Praise God

Purple Hymnal #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication *(in unison)*

Holy God, For the gift and possibility of reconciliation and forgiveness, we give you thanks. For the way in which these offerings can help us choose love, we give you thanks. For the gift of this community bound and working together, we give you thanks. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We Scatter to Serve

*Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" *Purple Hymnal #140*

*A Blessing

*Our Response "We Are Called" (refrain) *Black Hymnal #2172*

**We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God!**

*Music as we leave

Worship Notes

Altar Flowers: ~~_____ To the Glory of God and~~

Greeters: _____

Ushers: _____

Liturgist: _____

Childcare: _____

**4th Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020
9:00 AM**



***... let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
—Amos 5:21-24***

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