

Order of Worship for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lord Jesus, open our eyes of faith **to see you more clearly.**

Holy Spirit, illumine our minds **to perceive God's glory shining among us.**

Almighty God, prepare our hearts **to see, trust, and worship you.**

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, in order that we might discern good from evil you gave the incomparable gift of your law. As your Son, the light of the world, shines upon us may we learn to live in truth and goodness. We pray through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 660 "God Is Here"

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, sometimes we have preconceived notions that cloud our vision and blind us to your activity in our lives. We watch for signs of your glory in the successful and strong, in pious acts and answered prayers. But you also make yourself known in unexpected ways. Open our eyes, illumine our minds by your Spirit, and prepare our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Old Testament 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Anita Fritze

Responsive Reading Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; **I shall not want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

New Testament Mark 10:46-52

Sermon "Seeing Clearly" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gathering the Collection

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you tenderly care for each person you created. Guide us to see everyone as someone you love. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to the work of your kingdom on earth until Christ returns in glory. Amen.

Prayer Requests and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 454 "Open My Eyes, that I May See"

Benediction

Church Calendar

Wednesday, March 22 at 10:30 am Lenten Book Group on the Theme of Shoes

Sunday, March 26 at 10:00 am Worship with Union Chapel in the building or via Livestream

Wednesday, March 29 at 10:30 am Lenten Book Group on the Theme of Oil

Sunday, April 2 at 10:00 am Palm Sunday Worship with Union Chapel in the building or via Livestream

Friday, April 7 at 5:30 pm Good Friday Prayer Service with Union Chapel in the building and via Livestream

Sunday, April 9 at 6:00 am Easter Sunrise Service at Dock Beach

Sunday, April 9 at 10 am Easter Worship Service with Union Chapel in the building and via Livestream

Tuesday, April 11 at 9:30 am Meeting of the Board of Trustees online

Sunday, April 16 at 10 am Worship Service with Union Chapel in the building and via Livestream

Monday, April 17 deadline to make a reservation for Senior Lunch by sending an email to hfburnham@gmail.com

“Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.”



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