

Mentor United Methodist Church

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The liturgical color is purple, signifying our penitence and the royalty of Christ.

GATHERING

Prelude "Jesus Paid It All"
arr. Cathy Derosse
Amy Bender, organist

Lighting of the Candles Presentation of God's Holy Word

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew.
If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

Welcome & Announcements

*** Call to Worship** Rev. Beverly Wrobel, Liturgist

Leader: Let everyone in the world fear the Lord, and let everyone stand in awe of him. All who live in the world honor God.

People: **Our souls are waiting for God. Only God is our help and our shield. In Him, our hearts rejoice, for we trust in God's holy name.**

Leader: May your unfailing love surround us, O God, for our hope is in you alone.

* Prayer (unison)

Lord, you are eternal. You reign in heaven and you long to reign in our hearts. Speak to us today that we might allow your Lordship. Through Christ Jesus. Amen.

*** Opening Hymns 103** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

Anthem

9:00 "If God Be For Us" Joseph M. Martin
Charter Members

11:00 "Amazing Grace" Marianne Forman
Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading New Testament page 691 Matthew 13:47-50

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Fishing Story with a Good or Bad Ending"
Rev. Kurt Landerholm

Response to the Word

Confession and Pardon

Hymn 539 "O Spirit of the Living God" FOREST GREEN

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning 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 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.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

9:00 "Goin' To The Holy City" Joseph M. Martin
Charter Members

11:00 "Cross of Christ, O Sacred Tree" Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

*** Doxology**

UMH 95

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

THANKSGIVING

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives,
that we might make a difference in this community and around the world.
We ask this through your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ who gave all that
he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*** Hymn 569**

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" MESSAGE

*** Choral Benediction**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*** Postlude**

"Toccata in a minor" Johann Anton Kobrich

** Members of the congregation stand if able.*

Altar flowers are provided by Bill Wolfgang
in memory of Judy Wolfgang.

If you would like to order flowers in memory of loved ones, to celebrate an
anniversary, or offer them to the Glory of God, please contact
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