

Unity Moravian Church

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Watchword for the Week: "By grace you have been saved through faith,  
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8

### ***Gathering for Worship***

**Welcome**

Rev. Joe Moore

**Prelude**

*I Will Wait for You*

Kauflin, Merker, Getty, Townend

Deeje Culbertson, Lynne Huss, Ruth Burcaw

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn**

*Come, Let Us Sing the Song of Songs*

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*Come let us sing the song of songs, with hearts and voices swell the strain,  
the homage which to Christ belongs: "Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"*

*Slain to redeem us by his blood, to cleanse from ev'ry sinful stain,  
and make us kings and priests to God, "Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"*

*To him who suffered on the tree our souls at his soul's price to gain,  
blessing, and praise, and glory be, "Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"*

*To him, enthroned by filial right, all pow'r in heav'n and earth proclaim,  
honor, and majesty, and might; "Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"*

### ***Offering Our Prayers and Praises***

**Liturgy for Lent**

Sharon Dailey

Lord God, our Father in heaven, you have shown your great love toward us by sending  
your Son into the world to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

We give you thanks because you have made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the  
saints in light, having rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the  
kingdom of your beloved Son,

**In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.**

Breslau

*Bless, O my soul, the God of grace; his favors claim your highest praise;  
why should the wonders he has wrought be lost in silence and forgot?*

*For he, my soul, has sent his Son to die for wrongs which you have done;  
he paid the ransom, and forgives the hourly follies of our lives.*

Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world, though you were in the form of God, you did not consider equality with God something to cling to, but emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. You humbled yourself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Your love compels us to live not for ourselves, but for you.**

We give thanks because you, our merciful and faithful High Priest, have made reconciliation for the sins of the people. You were despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. You were wounded for our transgressions; you were bruised for our iniquities.

**Upon you fell the punishment that made us whole; and by your wounds we are healed.**

Prague

*Maker of all things, Lord our God, now veiled in feeble flesh and blood,  
to reconcile and set us free from endless woe and misery.*

*What heights, what depths, of love divine in your blessed incarnation shine!  
Let heav'n and earth unite their praise, to magnify your boundless grace.*

Lord God, Holy Spirit, one with the Father and the Son: we give you thanks because you descended upon the Christ, anointing him to bring good news to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free those who are oppressed; and to proclaim the time of the Lord's favor.

**You fill our hearts with the love of God and make our bodies your holy temple.**

Latrobe

*Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One in Three, and Three in One,  
as by the celestial host, let your will on earth be done;  
praise by all to you be giv'n, glorious Lord of earth and heav'n.*

*Now with angels round the throne, cherubim and seraphim,  
and the church which still is one, let us swell the solemn hymn:  
glory to the great I Am! Glory to the Paschal Lamb!*

From the sin of unbelief,  
From all defilement of the body and spirit,  
From all self-righteousness,  
From every neglect of our duty,  
From ingratitude and selfishness,  
From lukewarmness,  
From all indifference to your meritorious life and death,

**Deliver us, gracious Lord and God.**

Passion Chorale

*What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest Friend,  
for all your dying sorrow, your mercy without end?  
Grant me to lean unshaken upon your faithfulness  
till I, from earth, am taken to see you face to face.*

By your holy incarnation and birth,  
By your early exile,  
By your pure and blameless childhood,  
By your willing obedience,  
By your humility, meekness, and patience,  
By your faithfulness in your earthly calling, By your fasting and temptation,  
By your perfect life before God and humanity,

**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.**

By your tears and agony, your crown of thorns and cross,

**Lead us to repentance for our sins.**

By your willing sacrifice of yourself even unto death,

**Make known to us the mystery of your love.**

Into your open arms stretched out upon the cross,

**Receive us all.**

**Special Music**                      *Marvelous in Our Eyes*                      Carswell, Borop, Wells  
Deeje Culbertson, Lynne Huss, Ruth Burcaw

By all your sacred wounds and precious blood, By your innocent suffering and dying,  
By your rest in the grave,  
By your glorious resurrection and ascension,

**Bless us and save us, Christ Jesus, our Redeemer.**

Fulfill in us your prayer that all who love you may be one, as you are in the Father, and the Father in you.

**Hear us and help us, gracious Savior.**

You have made God known to us as Father, so that the love with which he has loved you may be in us.

**And you in us.**

Christ, and him crucified,

**Remain our confession of faith.**

Covenant

*Lamb of God, you shall remain forever of our songs the only theme;  
for your boundless love, your grace and favor, we will praise your saving name;  
that for our transgressions you were wounded shall by us in nobler strains be sounded  
when we, perfected in love, once shall join the church above.*

***Sharing God's Word***

**Old Testament**

Numbers 21: 4-9

Dana Myers

**Gospel Lesson**

John 3:14-21

**Sermon**

***Responding to God***

**Worship by Giving**

Rev. Joe Moore

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”  
Matthew 6:19-21

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**Offertory**

*My Savior's Love*  
Donna Shore

arr. L. Riley

**Worship by Serving**

## ***Going Forth to Share God's Love***

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet

**walk with us on the road.**

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands

**stretch out our hands to serve.**

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart

**open our hearts to love.**

May we see the face of Christ in everyone we meet,

**And may everyone we meet see the face of Christ in us.**

### **Hymn**

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

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*Christ, the life of all the living, Christ the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, for us yourself once giving to the darkest depths of woe:  
through your suffering, death, and merit, life eternal we inherit,  
thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.*

*You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,  
even death by crucifixion: our atonement full and free.  
Lord, you chose to be tormented that our doom should be prevented;  
thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.*

*Lord, for all that bought our pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,  
for the anguish in the garden, we will thank you evermore,  
thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the victory of your dying,  
for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.*

### **Benediction**

Rev. Joe Moore

### **Postlude**

*Praise to God on High*  
Donna Shore

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