

4th Sunday in Lent Service of Prayers and Communion

Color: Purple (symbolizing Penitence)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. David Hall

Ministers: The Entire Congregation
10:15 am Worship Service

Facebook Live

(<http://www.facebook.com/UMCofChugiak>)

March 22, 2020

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Introduction and Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

Many: God Guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.

One: God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

Many: Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.

Hymn

UMH #133

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms "

Call to Confession

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Moment of Stillness and Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

Many: We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us.

Prayer of the Forgiven

Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed, a "before" and "after", a "now" and "then"; that we may also say, "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ's light, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

During this time the pastor will invite you to share your prayers, both in celebration and in concern, in the comments section of the Facebook Live Broadcast. Over the course of the next few minutes we will work to name these prayers of our communal Body of Christ. As prayers are lifted, please respond with the words, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Pastoral 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.

Children's Moment

The Good Shepherd—Psalm 23

Offertory Hymn

UMH #361

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me "

If you wish, please visit our online offering system, found at:

<http://umcchugiak.org/giving/>

***Presentation of the Gifts**

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Blessing

One: May the love of God pursue you, the light of Christ enfold you, and the Holy Spirit keep you; as you dwell in the house of the Lord your whole life long. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Many: Amen.

Postlude