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MARCH 14, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Traditional Service

PRELUDE

The Quiet Night

Keesecker

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND ADORATION

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

God of Love

Wilson

God of love, who cares for me, Guide my steps to follow Thee.
Calm and sure in all I do, Knowing Your love surrounds me.

When in the darkness I cannot see; When I am lost and lonely;
When from the depths I cry to Thee; Oh Lord, stay with me!

By Your Spirit, comfort be. In the darkness, illumine me,
When I falter, strengthen me; Sure of Your love to guide me.

From selfish pride and vanity; From judgments formed in anger;
From hateful words, spoken thoughtlessly; Oh Lord, ransom me!

God of love, who cares for me, Guide my steps to follow Thee.
Calm and sure in all I do, Knowing Your love surrounds me.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE (in unison)

Gracious God

**in order that the children of earth
might discern good from evil
you sent your Son to be the light of the world.**

**As Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in all truth and goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.

CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

RESPONSE TO THE CONFESSION

Jesus Remember Me, When You Come into Your Kingdom.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

*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.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHORAL ANTHEM

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the live I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, O Joy, O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the live I owe,
I give thee back the live I owe,
And in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O Love, O Love,
O Love, O Love, O Love,
That will not let me go.
O Love, that will not let me go.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING OF GOD'S WORD John 3:14-21

THE SERMON *Come into the Light* Rev. Jay Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The Lord's Prayer*

HYMN OF DEDICATION *Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining*

Lord of light, Your Name outshining
All the stars and suns of space,
Use our talents in Your kingdom
As the servants of Your grace;
Use us to fulfill Your purpose
In the gift of Christ Your Son:
Abba, as in highest heaven,
So on earth Your will be done.

By the toil of faithful workers
In some far outlying field;
By the courage where the radiance
Of the cross is still revealed;

By the victories of meekness,
Through reproach and suffering won.
Abba, as in highest heaven,
So on earth Your will be done.

Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
At Your feet may lowly kneel;
With Your grace our triumphs hallow,
With Your charity our zeal;
Lift the nations from the shadows
To the gladness of the sun:
Abba, as in highest heaven,
So on earth Your will be done.

By the prayers of faithful watchers,
Never silent day or night;
By the cross of Jesus bringing
Peace to all, and healing light;
By the love that passes knowledge,
Making all Your children one.
Abba, as in highest heaven,
So on earth Your will be done.

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION *God Be with You 'til We Meet Again*

*God be with you 'til we meet again;
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you:
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

***POSTLUDE**

The Master Hath Come

Arr. McDonald