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"Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together."

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4th Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Call to Worship

Ministry Matters

Leader: Throughout all our lives God is with us.

People: Praise be to God for God's mercy and love.

Leader: Even when we are faced with difficult decisions, God's presence is near.

People: When we don't know which way to go, God will guide and lead us.

Leader: Open your hearts today to God gently leading.

People: We open our lives to God, that we may faithfully serve God in all our days. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Confession (In Unison)

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God, we confess that we are quick to judge others and not acknowledge our own sins and weaknesses.

We confess that we do not always follow your example because immorality, impurity, and greed are part of our lives, and obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes come from our lips. God, we need your light to shine on us to expose the things we say and do that are not pleasing to you.

Forgive us our sins.

Assurance of Pardon

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Though your hearts were once filled with darkness, now you are full of the light of the Lord. This light within you produces only what is good and right and true. Let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. Walk in the light for you are no longer blind.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

C.S. Lewis

“I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures excludes them.”

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)

Sermon

Law of Love

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction

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Leave from here knowing that you are a forgiven sinner with the light and power of God living in and through you so that those who are spiritually blind can say, "I believe!"