

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 31, 2019

9:30 AM

Please enter the sanctuary quietly and reverently in the presence of the Lord, and quiet your cell phones.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Noemi Meza

PRELUDE

Were You There?

Donna Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Summers

Leader: To those who eagerly came to worship God,

People: you are welcome here.

Leader: To those who grumbled about coming,

People: you are welcome here.

Leader: To those who are not sure why they are here,

People: you are welcome here.

Leader: In the name of the One who loves and forgives us, you are welcome in this place.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let us worship God!

People: Let us worship God!

†OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace (vs. 1, 2, 3)

Hymn #378

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Mary Summers

Almighty, creating God, you have called us to this place. You breathe life into us each day. You welcome us just as we are, with all of our hopes and fears, all of our faults and talents. As we worship, may we rest in your Spirit, and may we remember that you alone renew our lives. Help us shake off all that weighs us down, that we may be free to hold fast to you, the One who fills our lives with unmerited grace and abounding love. In the name of Christ, your Son, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Response

Holy Ground

On the wall

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* Hymn #348
(vs. 1, 2, 4)

SCRIPTURE READING

†Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Mary Summers

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

On Eagle's Wings

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

"A Father's Prodigal Love for a Prodigal"

Pastor Noemi Meza

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Old Rugged Cross

Donna Bach

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn #94

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Noemi Meza

Holy One, you provide for us in all ways and at all times. We offer these gifts to you, asking for your blessing upon them, that they may bring comfort and healing to your children all around the globe. We offer our lives to you, asking for your blessing upon us, that we might be faithful to you, and to one another. In your precious and holy name, we pray. Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Hymn #383

(vs. 1, 2, 4)

†BENEDICTION

Alleluia

All are invited to sing this praise to God.

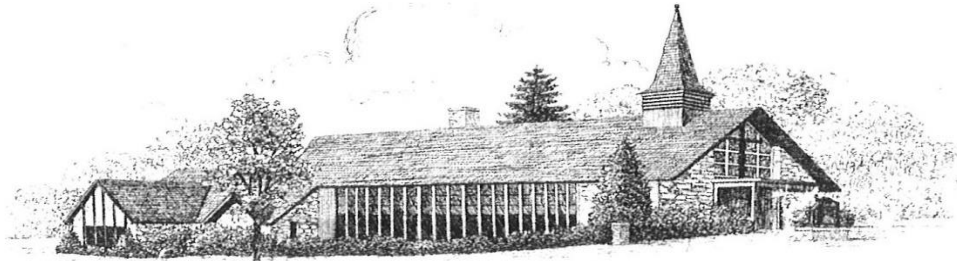
POSTLUDE

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Donna Bach

† Those who are able are requested to stand.

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Vision:

Living in the light of God's love and following Christ, we joyfully embrace the future as a welcoming multi-cultural church. We gather for worship, learning, spiritual growth and fellowship. We go out to serve, sharing the light of Christ by promoting justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God.

(Adopted by the Wesley Church Council, April 14, 2013)

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 A.M. Worship

Fellowship Time Following

Sunday School 11:00 A.M. - Spanish Service 11:30 A.M.

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Church Staff

Noemi Meza –Lead Pastor

Nereyda SanchezTio – Music Director

Donna Bach – Organist/Pianist

Santos Ortiz – Worship Multimedia

Gwen Catron– Office Administrator

Rod Ball – Custodian

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