



# Fourth Sunday of Lent

Will you come to the party?

March 19, 2023

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## **OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE**

### **Prelude**

*Words for Meditation* - from First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament \*

*Then the chief told his messengers,*

*'The wedding feast is ready, but the ones invited have proved they have no honor. Waste no time, go out into the village pathways, and invite all you find to come to the feast.'*

*So they went and did as they were told and gathered as many as they could find, whether honorable or bad-hearted. So the lodge was filled with many wedding guests for his son.*

*Matthew 22:8-10*

### **Welcome**

#### **Call to Worship (VT 874)**

One: From Bethlehem to Nazareth,  
from Jordan to Jericho,  
from Bethany to Jerusalem,  
from then to now,

**ALL: COME, LORD JESUS.**

One: To heal the sick,  
to mend the brokenhearted,  
to comfort the disturbed,  
to disturb the comfortable,  
to cleanse the temple,  
to liberate faith from convention,

**ALL: COME, LORD JESUS.**

One: To carry the cross,  
to lead the way,  
to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,

**ALL: COME, LORD JESUS.**

One: Today,  
in this place,  
to us,

**ALL: COME, LORD JESUS.**

**HYMN** *Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing* VT 555

**Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting**

Greeting: *The Peace of Christ be with you!* Response: *And also with you!*

**Praying for the Peace of Christ to Rule in our Hearts** (VT 1042)

**Special Music – No Longer Slaves** (by Bethel Music)

## **TELLING GOD'S STORY**

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Matthew 22:1-14*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

## **SHARING OUR STORIES**

Prayers of the People

Sung Prayer: *For Those With Whom Our Lives are Bound* VT 734

Generosity Moment – LightHouse Update

Announcements

## **SENDING**

**HYMN** *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* VT 849

Benediction

**Postlude** ... remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical blessing. Fellowship time follows worship, with coffee/tea/juice in the Common Grounds room. Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:00am.

\*WORDS FOR MEDITATION: First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament (InterVarsity Press 2021 by Rain Ministries, Inc.).

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*Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You can also now donate electronically on our website! Between now and the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, we will also be collecting coins in the buckets on the table and/or in the jug in the foyer!*

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Sound: Earl Ediger  
Livestream: Joel Iwashige  
Nursery Attendant: Kris & Joyce Lindenberger  
Ushers: Russ Wedel & Diane Ziemer  
Pianist: Peggy Stucky  
Worship Leader: Cathia Krehbiel  
Song Leader: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger  
Special Music: Sadie Pritchett and Adam Pounds  
Scripture Reader: Hilda Iwashige  
Children's Time: Jennalee Boggs  
Sermon: Pastor Jim Unruh  
Generosity Moment: Russ Gaeddert

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# Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!!

## **COMING UP...**

**Sat March 25** – FMC serves at the Christian Soup Ministry – volunteers needed!

**Sun April 2** – Palm Sunday

**Tues-Friday April 3-7** – Stations of the Cross for personal meditation (exact times TBA)

**Thurs April 6** – Maundy Thursday (with Light meal & Communion) 6:00pm

**Fri April 7** – Noon Community Good Friday Service @ Trinity UMC (Pastor Tonya helping)  
Stations of the Cross at FMC open till 8pm (NO evening service @ FMC)

**Sun April 9** – Easter potluck brunch @ 9am; Worship @ 10am  
Bring your own table service and a dish to share.

## **March 2023 WNAF (Wednesday Nights at First)**

Our Wednesday evening series has begun and will continue through March 29. We had a great start to the series on March 8!! ***The schedule is DIFFERENT than previous sessions, so take note:***

**5:30-6:30pm Choir Rehearsal**

**6:00-6:45pm Dinner served**

**6:50-7:50pm Bible Study** (Reading Scripture Together project)

If you are planning to attend next Wednesday, you are invited to spend some time studying the scripture ahead of time. Please contact Pastor Tonya for the details and/or pick up a study sheet in the foyer.

## **Hymnals, ensemble music and more**

Several more songbooks have been added to those you may take home with you. Check them out on the table in the foyer. If you wish to have multiple copies of any of these, let the church office know.



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