

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude: The Prayer Nancy Laporte
Welcome and Church Life Rev. Jonathon Kosec

*** Call to Worship**

Pastor: People of God, we gather for worship to practice joy; not because our lives are perfect, but because joy is resilient.

People: God's gift for every season and the wellspring of our heart of faith.

Pastor: When our sins feel heavy, and the world closes in upon us;

People: We practice joy.

Pastor: When we endure and practice joy together,

People: God is with us!

* Hymn # 93 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

*** Invocation**

Offering As the dear The Deer

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Special Music

Choir

Scripture Lesson

Numbers 21: 4-9

Pam Gabie

Sermon

"Transformative Joy"

Rev. Kosec

Hymn # 89

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn. # 676 "Go, My Children"

Sending Prayer

*** Benediction**

Postlude:

*** You may choose to stand or remain seated.**

CHURCH LIFE

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Shirley and Ralph Hunt in memory of our Granddaughter, Kimberley Hunt.

WELCOME TO YOU ALL: We are happy you chose to be with us this morning! Please be certain you sign our attendance sheets on the rear table before you leave.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a special prayer request this morning, let Pastor Jon know before worship begins and it will be included. Thank you.

Fourth SUNDAY OF LENT:

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called **Laetare Sunday**. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.



BIRTHDAYS

Ron Johnsen 3/10, Jean Aronson 3/11

Anniversary

Bill & Barb Whitman 3/16

Scripture Reading
Numbers 21: 4-9

Then the people of Israel set out from Mount Hor, taking the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom. But the people grew impatient with the long journey, and they began to speak against God and Moses. "Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness?" they complained. "There is nothing to eat here and nothing to drink. And we hate this horrible manna!"

So, the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people, and many were bitten and died. Then the people came to Moses and cried out, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take away the snakes." So, Moses prayed for the people.

Then the Lord told him, "Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to a pole. All who are bitten will live if they simply look at it!" So Moses made a snake out of bronze and attached it to a pole. Then anyone who was bitten by a snake could look at the bronze snake and be healed!

SIGN IN, PLEASE! We are blessed to have you with us today and we invite you to use the sign-in sheets on the Welcome Table.

Head Usher: George Alexander
Usher/Greeters:
Diane Carl & Nancy Van Ess

Attendance Last Week: 65

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