

Memorial United Methodist Church, March 22, 2020, 4th Sunday of Lent

WELCOME & GREETINGS & WORDS OF REFLECTION

“Though we cannot see the heart, we can see the life.”

-David Paul Kirkpatrick

PRELUDE

“Agnus Dei”

Cesar Franck

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy One shows us the way, even when we do not know where to go.

We are called to love as children of light, abiding in all that is good and right and true.

The Holy One leads us in pleasant places, filling our hearts with waters of life.

We are called to follow Jesus, bringing Christ’s light into the shadows.

The Holy One shows us the paths of peace, comforting us in times of trouble.

We are called to become the body of Christ, pouring out our lives for the healing of the world.

INVOCATION (in unison)

We are here, Sovereign God, because you have called us. Help us to be fully present to your gracious hospitality. There is much in our lives to distract us: the work we do, the difficulties we encounter, the losses we have sustained. Sometimes we are overwhelmed by all we must face. Yet in your house of prayer we sense your calming Spirit, the comfort of your care, the goodness and mercy you provide. In joyous anticipation, we come to worship. AMEN!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

“My Tribute”

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for things he has done.

With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;

to God be the glory for things he has done.

TITHES & OFFERING (May be mailed to the church or done online at www.umcmemorial.com)

HEARING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC

“In the Garden”

solo: Shirley Martin

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION

I Samuel 16: 6-13

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God! **People: Thanks be to God!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 5: 16-26

WRESTLING WITH THE THOUGHTS OF A PASTOR

Rev. Scott Johnson

“Gardens of Lent: Garden of the Spirit”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

TIME OF PRAYER (Silent, Pastoral, and Lord’s Prayer)

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

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BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

“Shalom to You”

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all you living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

* POSTLUDE