

Sunday, March 14, 2021–Fourth Sunday in Lent

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"arr. Wood/Grotenhuis

Call to Worship & Cross Processional: "Give Me Jesus"

 In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus. 	2. Dark midnight was my cry, Give me Jesus. Refrain
Refrain	
Give me Jesus,	7. Now hear the voice that calls,
Give me Jesus,	Give me Jesus. Refrain + tag
You can have all this world,	
But give me Jesus.	

Welcome & *Greeting

*Sing: "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah"	Lift Up Your Hearts # 518:1-3
*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	Lift Up Your Hearts # 351:1-2

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart. Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
 Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you In thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them his very own.

Song of Assurance: "Upon a Life"

How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous, how wonderful Is my Savior's love for me.

Chorus:

Upon a Life I have not lived,
 Upon a Death I did not die,
 Another's Life; Another's Death,
 I stake my whole eternity.
 O Jesus, Son of God,
 I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
 There both my life and death I read, my guilt,
 and pardon there I see.

2. Not on the tears which I have shed, Not on the sorrows I have known, Another's tears; Another's griefs, On these I rest, on these alone.

3. Lord, I believe; O deal with me,
As one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,

As one who has Thy gift received. (Chorus 2x)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children's Dismissal- Children under 5

Prayer for Illumination: "Speak O Lord" Lift Up Your Hearts #755

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Message: "If the World was Ending" Rev. Laura deJong

Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, let your blessing be on us as we pass through these holy days in which we remember the sufferings and death of our dear Lord. Set his example before us, that we may follow him in willing obedience, learn his gracious humility, and be filled with his love and spirit of self-sacrifice, and learn the lessons of a life pleasing to you and helpful to our neighbors; through him who loved us and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Response:

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" Lift Up Your Hearts #334:1-2,4-5

 May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and say.

2. May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through his power. 4. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

5. May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

GOD SENDS US TO SERVE IN HIS LIGHT AND LOVE

*Blessing

*Sing: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" vv. 1-2, 4

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Refrain

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us all one.

Refrain

Postlude: "Lift High The Cross".....arr. Manz

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Offering: Luke Society (please drop your offering in the box in the atrium)