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Worship – 2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 16, 2025

Worship Series: "Lent and Other Four Letter Words"

Greeting

Musical Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: God watched over us as we slept last night.

People: God was there when we awakened this morning.

Leader: God is in this place, among us now.

People: God is in the singing, the silence, the sermon, and the prayers

Leader: Let us worship God

*Opening Prayer

Good and gracious One, we cry out and you hear our voice. You lift us up with your love and offer us the light of your grace. Let the richness of your mercy flow through our lives, that we may worship you in spirit and truth. May we go forth as children of light and love, in the name of Christ, in whom we find hope. Amen

*Song of Praise

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

UMH 173

Affirmation of Faith

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Lesson John 20:19-23; 30-13 (see addendum below)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song of Reflection Doug Bischoff

Sermon "Rise" Rev. Wendy Van Vliet

Song of Response "Hymn of Promise" UMH 707

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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*.

Giving Praise to God For Our Blessings

*Doxology UMH 95

*Benediction & Sending Forth

*Song of Sending Forth

"On Eagles Wings"

UMH 143

Ephesians 5:8-14 NRSV

⁸ For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light- ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

John 20: 19

-23; 30-31 (NRSV)

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.