



David's United Church of Christ
March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Online Worship Bulletin

Prelude – “Be Thou My Vision” Irish Melody, arr. Joel Raney
Tim Williams & Lyn Morton

Choral Introit – “The Lord is Near to Those Who Call Upon Him” Hal Hopson

Welcome & Announcements – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “Savoir, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (See below for Lyrics)

Call to Worship – *Emily Phillips*

One: God calls us away from the tumult of the world where everything seems disposable and in a constant state of flux, that we may focus our thoughts on things that are lasting.

One: This is the season of Lent, a season to remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

Many: A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and to be servants of all.

One: A season to remember Jesus' question “Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?”

Many: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Peter, are afraid and turn away.

One: A season to ask ourselves what we, like the woman with the fine ointment, have to offer.

Many: A season to give sacrificially to others through the One-Great-Hour-of-Sharing offering.

One: A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the hour of testing.

Many: A season to proclaim with Mary Magdalene and the rest of the disciples that Christ is not dead but alive!¹

Invocation

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children’s Choir – “I’m Gonna Stick with You” Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

Children’s Moment – *Tim Williams*

Mission Moment – One Great Hour of Sharing

Invitation for Support – www.davidsucc.org

Offertory Music – “Allegro Moderato” Handel

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter.
One God Triune whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem – “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” K. Lee Scott

Canticle – Psalm 23 (adapted from The Message)

One: God is my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

Many: You have bedded us down in lush meadows, you find us quiet pools to drink from.

One: True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

Many: Even when the way goes through Death Valley, you walk by our side and we are not afraid.

One: Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

Many: You serve a six-course dinner in the midst of my enemies. You revive our drooping heads; our cups brim over with blessing.

One: Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

Many: I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

Scriptures – Hebrew – 1 Samuel 16: 1, 4-13

Epistle – Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel – John 9: 1-41

Sermon – “Appearances Can Be Deceptive” *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “One Bread, One Body” (see lyrics below)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **God of truth, how difficult it is for us to be truthful before you. We want to hide our anxieties and fears, our resentments and self-centeredness. Cut through our evasions by the truth of your word and help us to be authentic in our lives and in our faith. God of mercy, your hopes for us are greater than our own, yet our failures do not surprise you. Forgive us, we pray, even for the sin we cannot see or find in ourselves to confess. God of love, accept us as we are, so that we may learn to accept ourselves. Teach us to affirm what is good in our lives, and to put behind us what is unworthy, that by your grace we may live with confidence and joy, in the manner of Jesus our Christ. Amen.¹**

Words of Assurance

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers, Communion Prayer & Our Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Partaking in the Bread and Cup

Hymn – “Amazing Grace” vs. 1-4 (see lyrics below)

Benediction

Benediction Response – “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” arr. Hal Hopson

Postlude – “Terra Beata” Traditional English melody, arr. Vickie Colinsworth

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1. Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us, much we
 2. We are thine, thou dost be - friend us, be the
 3. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly

need thy ten - der care; in thy pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; thou hast mer - cy to re -
 let us do thy will; bless - ed Lord and on - ly

feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare.
 fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
 Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus! Hear, O
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus! We will
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast

bought us, thine we are. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 hear us when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 ear - ly turn to thee. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,

bless-ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
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 bless-ed Je - sus! We will ear - ly turn to thee.
 bless-ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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Refrain (Unison)

D7 G C G C G D Em B

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

Em D G Em A7 D7

one cup of blessing which we bless. And

G C G C G D Em B

we, though many through-out the earth,

Em D G Em A7 D7 G C (G) Fine

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Em D Em D

1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
 2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,
 3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,

Em F Am D7

wom-an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath-ered to one, for all.

One

Amazing Grace

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1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and
6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
mor - tal life shall cease, I shall pos - sess, with -
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
in the veil, a life of joy and peace.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.