THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 14, 2021
THE ENTRANCE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING AND WELCOME

Leader: I greet you in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST *

HYMN 153 *

Love, Mercy, and Grace

ST. ELIZABETH
OPENING PRAYER *

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

FIRST LESSON

PSALTER

Response

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Numbers 21:4-9

Response

107 “Give thanks to the LORD because he is good,
because his faithful love lasts forever!”

That’s what those who are redeemed by the LORD say,
the ones God redeemed from the power of their enemies,
the ones God gathered from various countries,
from east and west, north and south.
Some of the redeemed were fools because of their sinful ways.
They suffered because of their wickedness.
18 They had absolutely no appetite for food; they had arrived at death’s gates.
19 So they cried out to the LORD in their distress, and God saved them from their desperate circumstances.
20 God gave the order and healed them; he rescued them from their pit.
21 Let them thank the LORD for his faithful love and his wondrous works for all people.
22 Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and declare what God has done in songs of joy! R

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: A reading from the Gospel according to St. John.
People: Glory to God!

John 3:14-21

People: Praise be to God!

SERMON Love, Mercy & Grace

CONFESSION AND PARDON

O God, we have heard your prophets and ignored their message. We talk about loving all people but reserve it for a select few. We rejoice in the good news that we are all your children, but we prefer to think we have a special claim on your care. We welcome your words of peace, but we are not ready to give up our swords. We ask for your forgiveness and seek your healing.

(The prayer continues with silence.)

“If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.
Sanctuary
We will sing as our prayer twice through.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and

tured with thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you. Lord pre
THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD
As forgiven and reconciled people let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

DOXOLOGY *

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OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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.
1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obstruct human kind, for our growing in your likeness bring the life of earth affords; to a life of love in action help us go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will secure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word. die and hope increase, (hope increase) fear will die and hope increase. halow life’s brief span, (life’s brief span) may we halow life’s brief span. destiny may find, (may find) earth its destiny may find.

HYMN 428 *

For the Healing of the Nations

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POSTLUDE

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William Schramm, Tenor Intern
Rayvon Love, Baritone Intern

Ushers: (9 a.m.) Peddy & Cheryl Parker
(11 a.m.) Ken Cawthon

Greeters: (9 a.m.) Fred & Terri Hedrick
(11 a.m.) Julia Stewart

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(11 a.m.) Harold Gibson and Ann Ware

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