

*Order of Worship*  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
9:30 am – March 19, 2023

***Participating Live?***

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.*

**PRELUDE**

*Lead, Kindly Light*

Dale Wood

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Kyle Hanks, organ

**GREETING**

**HYMN**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (verses 1-5, 7)

UMH 57

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1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
  
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
  
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
  
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
  
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
  
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;  
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Bob & Kathy Fierro, liturgists

Once we walked in darkness,  
**but Christ calls us into the light.**  
Once we stumbled from blindness and self-righteousness,  
**but God offers guidance and vision for our journey.**  
Once we were trapped in judgment and prejudice,  
**but the Spirit fills us with new life.**  
Let us worship the God of grace and glory.

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**BELL OFFERING**

*Be Thou My Vision*

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Kyle Hanks—piano

**PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.**

**HYMN***Shine, Jesus, Shine*

TFWS 2173

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1 Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**Refrain:** Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence from the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me. **(Refrain)**

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. **(Refrain)**

**SCRIPTURE***John 9: 1-41 (NRSV)*

Bob &amp; Kathy Fierro, liturgists

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.****MESSAGE**

Pastor Matt McPhee

**CHORAL OFFERING***Hold On*

arr. Sally Morris

Laura Singer &amp; Melora Hutton – Soloists, Kyle Hanks -- Pianist

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Text VenturaUMC to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)

**Generous God, you tenderly care for each person you have created. You miraculously restore people to health and shine light into the lives of those who are discouraged. Guide us so that we will not regard others according to outward appearances but seek to find your love in their hearts. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to contribute to the work of your kingdom on earth until Christ returns in glory. Amen.**

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**HYMN***Amazing Grace*

UMH 378

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1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
2.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us*

Dale Wood

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Kyle Hanks, organ

*Prayer Requests*

**Camarillo Korean UMC**—Pastor Sang Lee

**Bishop First UMC**—Pastor Kate Hunter

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

Kate Stradling—multiple ongoing health issues

Norb Tackman—for friend Dennis and friend Sheri with multiple health issues

All those affected by the recent rains

*Hold On*

When pain or sorrow is too much to bear; when your heart feels numb, unable to care,  
When faith seems so pointless that you cannot pray, when no one knows quite what to say,  
Then hold on, hold on, to find a way to get through.

And when your hope is gone and you can't hold on, we will hold on to you.

If God is silent when you need to hear that you're not alone, that comfort is near;  
If you are abandoned when you need a friend, when all good things come to an end,  
Then hold on, hold on, to find a way to get through.

And when your hope is gone and you can't hold on, we will hold on to you.

And when it looks like there's no end in sight, know all that is wrong can still be made right.  
You're never alone; God has promised to be with us even when we can't see,  
So hold on, hold on, to find a way to get through.

And when your hope is gone and you can't hold on, we will hold on to you.

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