

Order of Worship
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
9:30 am – March 10, 2024

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Canzone

Samuel Barber

Mariana Smith, flute; Miriam Arichea, piano

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Shelley Wiltfang, liturgist

We gather in this Lenten season knowing we are broken.
Come and be seen.

We gather in this Lenten season knowing we need forgiveness.
Come and be heard.

We gather in this Lenten season knowing our hearts long for God.
Come and be loved.

We gather in this Lenten season knowing God calls us all.
Come as you are.

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OPENING HYMN

God Is Here

UMH 660

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1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table,
font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, Go the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give,
receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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.

SCRIPTURE

Numbers 21: 4-9; John 3: 14-21 (NRSV) Shelley Wiltfang, liturgist
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

PREPARATION HYMN

Christ Is the World's Light
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UMH 188

1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other; born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!

2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other; no one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high!

3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other; sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother; he, who
redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!

4 Give God the glory, God and none other; give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
give God the glory, God with us, my brother: Glory to God on high!

MESSAGE

Pastor Diane Rehfield

MUSICAL RESPONSE*For God So Loved the World*

Joseph M. Martin

VFUMC Choir; Bob Riggs, interim director; Miriam Arichea, piano

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, you bring light and life into all of our lives, and we thank you. Sometimes your gifts are hard to understand, and yet ultimately even some of the hardest things ultimately point out your love and hope for us. We have received much, and so today we return a portion of that to your work in the world. May it be a blessing and source of your light to all who will receive it. Amen

SENDING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 CCLI Song # 89848

UMH 206

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

BENEDICTION

Prayer Requests

Glendale First UMC—Pastor Angela Galanis-Price

Glendale First UMC—Pastor Stephanie Rice

Pastor Cindy as she recovers from shoulder surgery

Norb Tackman—in hospital but moving to rehab soon

Pastor Diane’s daughter Michelle & wife Hannah. Hannah newly diagnosed with AVM

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

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