

March 31, 2019

RISK



Order of Worship Fourth Sunday in Lent

Please silence your cell phone.

THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

“Our Father Who Art in Heaven”

Mendelssohn

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 674** “See the Morning Sun Ascending”

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Thom M. Shuman

Leader: We come to this place because we want to know God,

People: Who helps us set aside the past, to walk the path to new life.

Leader: We come in these moments because we want to know Jesus,

People: Who anoints us with the resurrection, who shared our lives with us.

Leader: We come with these people because we want to know the Spirit,

People: Who shapes us for life with God, so we may praise God forever!

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 541**

Verse 1

See how great a flame aspires, kindled by a spark of grace.

Jesus’ love the nations fires, sets the kingdoms on a blaze.

To bring fire on earth he came, kindled in some hearts it is;

O that all might catch the flame, all partake the glorious bliss!

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THE TIME OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The Ritual of Friendship folder is located at the center aisle; please sign and pass.

THE MISSIONS MOMENT: Haiti

John and Nancy Smith

THE ANTHEM (9:30 & 11:00)

“Open My Eyes”

Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

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THE CALL TO PRAYER

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words—that there will always be unmet needs—as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us, and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE WORDS OF GRACE

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.

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THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“God Has Called Us”
Chancel Choir

Robert Hobby

***THE DOXOLOGY NO. 95**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 276 “The First One Ever”**

THE SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:3-9

(Pew Bible pg. 928)

This is God’s living Word for God’s living people. ~ **“Thanks be to God!”**

THE SERMON

*The Risks of Discipleship:
“Risking Rejection”
Rev. Elbert Dulworth*

***THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 430** “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

***THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**

Please remain quietly in your pew during the recession of the clergy.

***THE POSTLUDE**

“Our Father Who Art in Heaven”
(Allegro from Sonata No. 6)

Mendelssohn

**Congregation Standing*

****Seating of Worshipers*



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