

Virtual Worship March 27, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Call to Worship: It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of God, and to call upon God's holy name. As far as the heavens are above the earth, we know that God's ways are above our ways. But we come before God today with confidence, because in Christ we are called to be God's People. We worship and bow down and celebrate our Creator God. Amen.

Hymn "[How Great Thou Art](#)" TUMC Praise Team

Unison Prayer

Reconciling God, compassionate Christ, we realize that sometimes we struggle to be ministers of reconciliation. Sometimes we greet our brothers and sisters with angry words and actions. Help us to not dehumanize those whom we do not understand. Gracious God, lift us to a higher purpose when we distance ourselves from those who disappoint us. Show us how to regard persons no longer from a human point of view but from the depths of love drawn from your gift of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn "[Holy, Holy, Holy](#)" Hal Filiar-Aguilera, Aaron Altemose

***Praying for others:** Generous and Mothering God of creation and creature, let peace and justice bathe the land. Beat the swords of war into the plowshares of peace as we pray for the world you so dearly love. And now, let us share our concerns and joys together today...*

Gloria Kreher: She is much better!; Connie Roach: eye surgery recovery; Gene Rolon: health; Robin Curtin's brother Jerry: health. We pray for the ministry of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). We lift prayers for peace in Ukraine.

(Sharing other Joys and Concerns)

SILENT PRAYER TIME

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.

Hymn "[Blessed Assurance](#)" TUMC Praise Team

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-20

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;^{16a} even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,^{16b} we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,^{19a} not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Song "[Sacred Place](#)" TUMC Praise Team

Reflection: Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

Hymn #3002: "[Blessed Be Your Name](#)"

Benediction: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus this day and always.

Sending Song "[On Eagles' Wings](#)" TUMC Praise Team

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