

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:45 AM

WELCOME

Pastor Kel Henderson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus Christ was known as one who traveled through towns and villages healing those who were ill

Many: May the Spirit be our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that all may experience divine healing love.

One: May those affected with the virus regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Many: May all be healed from fear and ignorance, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

One: May nations reject pride and prejudice which can lead to blaming others for a disease that knows no borders. Let us unite in efforts to heal together.

Prayer: Healer, Sustainer, be our Guide in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Strengthen those made ill or who have died from the virus, and their families. May they find strength in your eternal presence. Defend us all from worry and despair. Bless doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk. Give insight to the leaders of all nations to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Grant us wisdom and courage needed to take on the cause of health. As we endure, persist and prepare, fill our hearts with the peace of Christ. Amen.

MORNING PRAYERS

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Rev. Kel Henderson

Meditative Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our God, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

READING

Ruth 1:11-18

But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?"¹² Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons,¹³ would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me."¹⁴ Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.¹⁵ So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.¹⁷ Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

MESSAGE

Navigating Through Grief

Rev. Danny Cortez

CLOSING SONG

A Wilderness Wandering People

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Rev. Kel Henderson

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BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal