

Welcome to Central

Order of Service 3.19.2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Prelude

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word—arr. Lyndell

Acolyte— Melissa B.

Lenten Reading/

Extinguishing of the Lenten Cross
From I am Guilty by Audrey Surma—
Claudia, Pilate's wife: Hunter Hyatt

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Worship

I Saw The Light/In Christ Alone
(CCLI #3350395/CCLI# 45064)

Verse 1

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light
No more in darkness no more in night
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 2

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that
God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 3

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

The River CCLI Song # 7047433

Verse 1

I know a place where we can go
To lay the troubles down eating your soul
I know a place where mercy flows
Take the stains make you whiter than snow

Pre-Chorus

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside
A current that moves and makes ya come alive
Living water that brings the dead to life
Oh oh

Chorus

We're goin' down to the river
Down to the river
Down to the river to pray
Let's get washed by the water
Washed by the water
And rise up in amazing grace
Let's go down down down to the river
You will leave changed
Let's go down down down to the river
Never the same

Verse 2

I've seen it move in my own life
Took me from dusty roads into Paradise
All of my dirt all of my shame
Drowned in the streams that have
made me born again

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Music

I Will Carry You by Ellie Holcomb
Performed by Melissa B. and Kalin B.

Offering

My Jesus, I Love Thee—arr. Krug

Doxology UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise
God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Centering Hymn

Spirit of the Living God UMH 393

Verse 1

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

Scripture Lesson

Galatians 5:22-25 (NRSVEU)

22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Colossians 1:9-12 (NRSVEU)

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Sermon—Pastor Bruce Gwyn

Apostle's Creed (No. 881)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed UMH 294

Verse 1

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?

Verse 2

Was it for crimes that I have done,
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Verse 3

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
and shut its glories in, when God, the mighty
maker, died for his own creature's sin.

Verse 4

Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt mine eyes to tears.

Verse 5

But drops of tears can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'tis all that I can do.

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Postlude on "Deo Gracias"—arr. Broughton

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Ushers: Joe Patterson, Allan Propst
Greeter: Cecelia Meade

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(3/12) 10:00a Service.....90

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