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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are  
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 30, 2014**

\*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

**Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words**

### **Ring the Bell**

### **Greeting and Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **Centering Music**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. A. Jorda

*Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.*

### **\*Call to Worship**

God does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart.

**We come to have our vision renewed, so that we may see the world through the eyes of God.**

### **\*Opening Song NCH #1**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**\*Silent Confession ending with: "Come and Fill Our Hearts" (3x)**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Come and fill our hearts

with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Psalm 137, Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; Taizé Community, 1982  
 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sharing Christ's Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.  
 And also with you.

**Children's Message**

"Mud in Your Eyes"

Hannah Hannover

**Sung Prayer for Illumination "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" v. 1**

1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; Ho-ly man-na

is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.

Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for

days of full-ness, All a-round us is our food.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nial. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993, © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.; tr. by Georgina Pando-Connolly, h.1946, © 2012, GIA Publications, Inc.  
 Tune: HOLY MANNA, B 7 8 7 D; William Moore, fl.1830; arr. by Kelly Dobbs-Mickus, h.1966

## Scripture Readings

Psalm 23 (p. 617 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

John 9:1-41 (See insert)

## Sermon

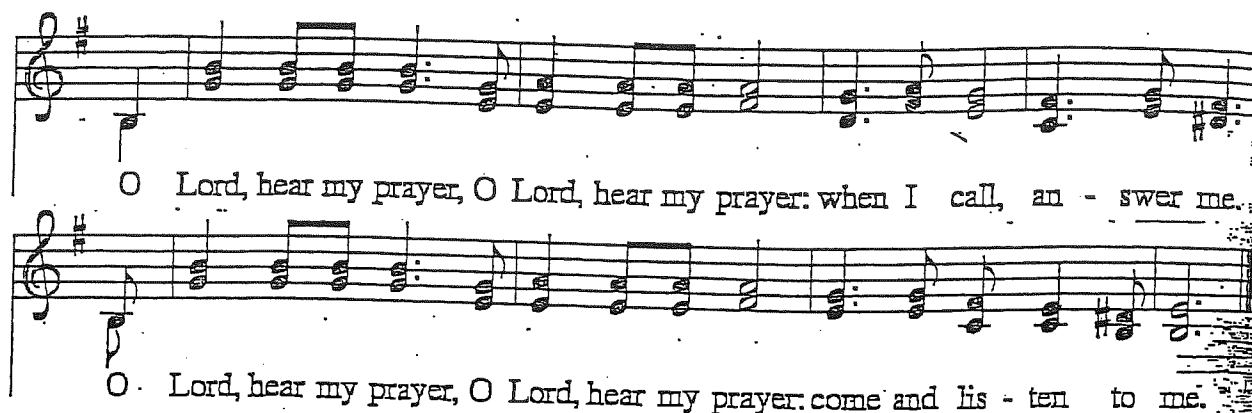
“Open-Eyed Faith”

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

\*Song NCH #547

“Amazing Grace”

Prayers of the People beginning with “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” (2x)



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

The Psalm 102 Verse Community, 1982  
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**The Lord's Prayer** *Please pray the following, or a version most meaningful to you.*

**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 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.

## Offering

“The Lord's My Shepherd”

Gordon Young

## Sung Response

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” v. 2

*All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.*

*Come from wilderness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.*

*We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.*

*Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

## Communion Prayer

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Holy, mighty, and merciful God, heaven and earth are full of your glory. We see your love revealed in the beauty of creation, in your faithfulness to your people, and in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.

### *The Words of Institution*

Pour out your Spirit upon this meal, that we may be filled with the fullness of your Son.

**Give us a glimpse of your reign in the welcome of this table, and send us out to open the tear-dimmed eyes of this world to the promise of new and joyful life that you offer through your redemptive love. Amen.**

**Sung Response** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" v. 3

***All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.***

***Come from loneliness and longing, Here in peace we will be fed.***

***Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.***

***Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.***

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup** All are welcome at this Table. The bread is free of gluten, soy, and dairy; the "wine" is unfermented (aka "juice").

## Closing Prayer

**\*Song** NCH #451 "Be Thou My Vision"

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Sending Music**