

March 22, 2020 Order of Worship



Gathering Song: O Worship the King -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rb5DsN4qA2c>

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

from Psalm 131

LEADER: O God, my heart is not lifted, my eyes are not raised too high;

PEOPLE: I do not occupy myself with things too great and marvelous for me.

LEADER: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; My soul within me is like a weaned child.

ALL: O Israel, hope in God from this time on and forevermore.

Hymn: My Hope is Built -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkMapZB8qMk>

Extinguishing the Candles of Lent

LEADER: Lent is a time to reflect on our spiritual journeys, how we can follow Jesus more closely and how we have wandered from the Way. Today, we remember how often we have allowed anxiety, judgementalism, and lack of love to interfere with our relationship with God.

PEOPLE: Jesus taught us to trust in God for everything we need.

LEADER: When our trust fails, our anxiety takes over and blocks us from enjoying all of the good things already in our lives.

PEOPLE: Jesus taught us not to judge others.

LEADER: In our anxiety, we look to prove to ourselves that we are better off than others, causing us to judge them unfairly in an effort to make us feel better about ourselves.

PEOPLE: Jesus reminded us that God loves us more than we can even comprehend but calls on us to love each other to the very best of our abilities.

LEADER: Anxiety leads to judgementalism and to judge others is to fail to love them. We extinguish the fourth candle of Lent in confession that we have too often followed this spiral of failing rather than trusting in God and loving as God does.

ALL: We have often done what we should not. We have often not done what we should have done. In God's great love, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Hymn: His Eye is On the Sparrow -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_95X3rzRJ1w

Scripture: Matthew 6:19 – 7:12

Sermon: Contagious Aliveness

Hymn: Pass It On -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCjR4dlY33k>