



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Lent

LOOKING TO GOD DURING A TIME OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Prelude

Give Me Jesus

[Hayes]

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsively):

Whether gathered or scattered, we are the church of the living God.

And God is with us now wherever we may be.

Let us turn to God in prayer.

Let us worship the God made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

O God who can be anywhere and everywhere, we thank you for your presence with us here and now, and in this world in our time of peril and uncertainty. Help us to put our hope and confidence in you, today, tomorrow, and ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn:

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Holy God, all this way of worshiping is so new to us, so unfamiliar, so untested. It leaves us feeling hesitant, doubtful, and unsure. Forgive us for thinking the power of the meeting rests in us. Forgive us for thinking our connection with you is in our control. Forgive us for not seeing and not trusting all you can do. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer and 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 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, for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

John 9:1-12

Sermon:

Doing the Works of God during the Coronavirus Outbreak

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Jn. 9:3-5

Hymn:

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Benediction

Postlude

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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