



An Open and Affirming Congregation

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March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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## JOURNEYING WITH JESUS DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

Prelude:

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively):

Can God be worshiped in our aloneness and through our computer screen?

**Can the Lord be praised in our seclusion and over our television set?**

Scripture tells of how and where God has been praised. People have worshiped on mountains grand and in desert wastes.

**The Bible shows God worshiped in homeland districts and faraway places, in happy household rooms and in lonely dungeon cells.**

So God can be worshiped here and now by us, where I am and where you are.

**We open our hearts to the companionship of God.**

Hymn:

*O Savior, Let Me Walk with You*

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

**O God, that hymn we have just had prompts us to do some confessing. Our own spirits convict us that we did not mean every word in those lyrics just now on the screen and in our hearts. We want to walk with you, yes, *provided* we get to go where we want to go and when. As for moving the slow of heart with some winning word of love, well, we would much rather keep to ourselves and not say much of anything to anyone; we would rather keep religion a private affair. And as for the triumph over wrong, we are all for that, *provided* nothing too demanding is involved and certainly nothing political or controversial. O Lord! We have a ways to go, don't we? We are sorry. Please forgive us. 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:

Mark 3:13-19

Sermon:

People Who Changed the World

*And he appointed twelve, whom he named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons. Mk. 3:14-15*

Hymn:

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Benediction

Postlude:

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