**March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**Pastor: God’s love is for all of creation.  
**All: The vastness of God is for human, animal, soil, and sun, all together as**

**God’s beloved.**Pastor: God has not come into the world in Jesus to condemn us.  
**All: Jesus has come to live God’s love in the flesh.**Pastor: While the world is dim with injustice and the feeling of loneliness,  
**All: it is in Jesus that the light of love illumines our path of friendship.**

**Come, let us join our lives with the Friend, whose love is for the whole**

**world. Let us worship God!**

**\*Invocation (Pastor)**O God who is Friend, the vastness of your love flows through all of creation, and this is cause for rejoicing. For all the harshness and condemnation that we see in the world, you have come to us out of love, compassion, and to save us from ourselves. We acknowledge our belief that you have come to redeem, to heal, to restore, and forgive, not just some of the world, but all of the world. May our worship embody the love and light you bring in Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn #190** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

**Prayer of Transformation and New Life (Unison)  
Holy One, we confess there are moments when we desire to see you bring condemnation on others or wish that your love was not for the whole world, but just a few. Like us. But, your love is bigger than our limited lenses, broader than our small scope of vision of all that love embodies. Help us to see the world as you do. Help us to love as you do. Release us from our need to condemn and set us free for love. For, it is what you came enfleshed to show us. Amen.**

**Words of Grace (Pastor)**Jesus has come into the world not to condemn it, but to set us free by love. Know the grace of God surrounds you and keeps you in love now and forever. Amen.

**\*Gloria #759**

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

*world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*Peace of Christ**

**Message for Youth**

**Scripture:   Numbers 21: 4-9 (Laura Clattenburg);**

**Ephesians 2: 1-10 (Laura);**

**John 3: 14-21**

**Response of Praise** *Thy Word*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

**Sermon No Matter What**

**\*Hymn #252** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**\*Zion’s Mission Statement (Unison)**

**We gather together as a faith family in response to God's call. Throughout our history and today we seek to remain relevant to God's purposes.  We look to involve the life of our congregation with ministry to children, youth, and our changing community.  Dear to our hearts is the fellowship, witness and love of our faith family that we continue to share with all people.  We strive to grow through teaching and preaching the good news of Jesus Christ, by caring for the needs of one another, the community, and the world.**

**Pastoral Prayer and Our 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, forever. Amen”**

**Prayer Response #769**

*Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;*

*Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

**Invitation to Generosity (Pastor)**Today we rejoice in a God who comes to redeem the world through a pouring out of Divine Love. Our rejoicing is offered with the generosity of our energy, our spiritual gifts, and our treasure. We are invited as God’s beloved children to express our rejoicing this day through the giving of our gifts in love. May it be so.

**Offertory**

**\*Offering Response #780**         *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, you heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)  
Thank you, God, for loving us to the very ends of the earth and back. Your willingness to say yes to coming in the flesh to redeem our world through love and no to the powers of oppression has led us to give of ourselves generously this day. Take these gifts and multiply them across this world that you love so extravagantly. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #400** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

**\*Benediction (Pastor)**Go, dear ones, in the hope of the one who does not condemn, but brings life, light, and compassion to all. Step into this world in the assurance that God’s love is enough for our lives. In fact, it is more than enough. In the name of the Friend, the Companion, and the Comforter, go forth in peace. Amen.

**Postlude**

Acknowledgments - Condemnation: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday in Lent Year B was written by The Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott, Conference Minister in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 10, 2024**

**Altar flowers** arepresented by Craig and Sandy Strunk in memory of loved ones.

**Prayer List:** The people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria, The victims of the tornadoes and natural disasters, Richard Adinolfi, Alvin Behm, Marsha Biehl, Joe Brogley, Ed Brous, Irene Burkhardt, Joan Clouser, Jane Detwiler, Laurie and Peter Eaton, Jana Eschbach, Doris Evenstad, Ruth Hardaker, Betty Hawthorne, Adam Hayden, Chip Hoover, Kathy Hughes, Dorcas Kieffer, Jim Kirkhoff, Betty Leister, Robert Mackie, Eleanor Mauger, Daryll McCormick, Calvin Miller, Ollie, Dan and Lois Oister, Phyllis, Holly Rhoads, Dave Richards, Bill Ross, Christian Ross, Kenneth Shellenberger II, Karen, Paul, and Scott Steffey, Lee Steiner, Bob Stengel, Dave and Pat Stout, Sandy Strunk, Dottie Taylor, Dotty Washburn, Patti Whisler, Barbara Ziegler

**Today, March 10 – One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering**

**Monday, March 11 –** Consistory Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 13 –** Wednesday Crew

Quilters

Lenton Devotions at Trinity, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

(Soup and Bread)

Pizza and Ping Pong, 5:30 p.m.

Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

**Save your Redner’s Receipts!** Please, place your Redner’s Save-A-Tape receipts in the box in the lobby of the Sunday School building. We need the entire register tape in order to get credit. Redner’s will donate 1% of sales to our church.

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***CareBag List for Pottstown Infusion Center***

Here is a suggested list of donations:

—Knit hat

---Neck Noodle

—Hand lotion/chap stick

—mouth wash

—Prayer shawl/ lap blanket

—diamond painted angel keychain

—a CareNote (or similar) booklet

—word puzzle book

—notepad and pencil

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**“The only measure of your words and deeds**

**will be the love you leave behind when you are gone.”**

***Everything Possible* by Fred Small**

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