



Praise ye the LORD.
Praise the LORD,
O my soul.

While I live will I
praise the LORD:

I will sing praises
unto my God
while I have any being

Psalm 146:1-2

Fourth Sunday in Lent



March 27, 2022

Rev. Lura Kidner-Miesen, Pastor
Eric McKirdy, Organist & Music Director

Centering Thoughts

Praise the Lord!
Let my whole being praise the Lord!
I will praise the Lord with all my life;
I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.
—Psalm 146:1-2 CEB

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, Most High;
to proclaim your loyal love in the morning, your faithfulness at nighttime...
because you've made me happy, Lord, by your acts.
I sing with joy because of your handiwork.
—Psalm 92:1-4 CEB

Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at
pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature.
—John Wesley

Music speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it rest;
heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul.
—Anonymous

Welcome!

Prelude

Invitation to Worship (based on Psalm 92:1-4)

Gail Case

How good it is to give thanks to you, Holy One;
To sing praises to your name, Most High God.
We declare your love and faithfulness with music and melody,
For your mighty acts make us glad.
We sing for joy because of what you have done.
Praise the Lord!

Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

UMH #77

Scripture:

Ephesians 2:1-10

Reflection on “Amazing Grace”

Pastor Lura Kidner-Miesen

Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

UMH #378 vv. 1-3, 6

Prayer

The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Reflection on “In the Garden”

Hymn: *In the Garden*

UMH #314

Reflection on “I Love to Tell the Story”

Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story*

UMH #156

Closing Blessing:

God has blessed us with the gift of music, and we go into this day inspired by the hymns of faith. With a song in your heart, may you be a blessing and inspiration to others. Amen.

Postlude

Announcements:

~ We celebrate that we can sing during in-person worship! (Please continue to wear a mask.)

~ Today we are singing the winners of our church's hymn contest. However, all the hymns in the contest are winners. Over the coming year we will continue to sing the other hymns that received votes.

~ Our United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is helping refugees who are fleeing Russia's brutal war on Ukraine. UMCOR also helps disaster victims in the U.S. and around the world. You may support this vital work by noting on your check that it is for "UMCOR," or by donating through our church website.

~ Our Lenten Organ Recital continues this evening and will be online starting at 7 p.m. There will be a new organ recital each Sunday through April 10.

~ Copies of the April issue of the church's newsletter, the Tower Notes, are on the table in the narthex (entryway).

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