



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Chuck Pickrel & Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Prelude to Worship

“What Wondrous Love Is This” arr. Kevin Olson

Julie Dean, piano

Gathering in the Light

The Phillips-Peter Family

Invitation to Worship

Barb Collins

one: Before we were born,

*all: **Before we took our first breath,***

one: Before the week started,

*all: **Before the year started,***

one: Before we said, “I love you,”

*all: **Before we said, “I’m sorry,”***

one: Before we figured out who we really are,

*all: **Before we figured out who we want to be,***

one: Before it all—God loved us.

*all: **Unconditionally and freely,***

one: Fully and honestly—

*all: **God loved us.***

one: Again and again, this is where our story begins.

*all: **Let us worship God!***

Opening Hymn

“Good to Me”

Chalice Praise #98

Invocation

Nancy Phipps

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Scripture

“Everyone Needs a Bright Light”

Lisa Engelken

a story based on John 3:14-21 from the Lectionary Story Bible – Year B, by Ralph Milton & Margaret Kyle

Scripture

Ephesians 2:1-10 (The Voice)

Emerson Hartzler

Meditation

Rev. Sadie Stone

Pastor of Bethany United Methodist Church, San Francisco, California

Special Music "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Traditional African American Spiritual Pat Warner

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People Rev. Chuck Pickrel

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Stewardship Barb Collins

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Doxology "Give Thanks" Chalice Hymnal #528

Prayer of Dedication Nancy Phipps

Celebration of Communion Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Words of Institution Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Musical Response "One Bread, One Body" Chalice Hymnal #393

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Closing Hymn "O, How I Love Jesus" Chalice Hymnal #99

Sharing the Light The Phillips-Peter Family

Blessing & Benediction Emerson Hartzler, Roy Nickum, Steve Glasscock

**As you leave this space,
May your mouth speak of God's goodness.
May your arms hold those in need.
May your feet walk toward justice.
May your heart trust its worth.
May your soul dance in God's grace.
And may this be your rhythm—
Again and again and again,
Until God's promised day.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself,
Go with courage, go with heart, go in peace.
Amen.**

Postlude "My Savior's Love" arr. Carol Tornquist Julie Dean, piano

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