

**FIRST COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**AT 10:30 (online)**

**March 22, 2020**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*join us at:*

[www.facebook.com/firstcommunityumc/](http://www.facebook.com/firstcommunityumc/)

*\* As an inclusive community, we invite you to sing & confess your faith in the language that you feel comfortable.*

**PRELUDE**      “Prelude in d Minor”

-Johann Sebastian Bach

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*in unison*)

**When we are weak, when we are down, when we are weary,  
we remember Jesus, who empowers us, energizes us and strengthens us.**

**When we lose our hope, when we don't dream anymore,  
we remember Jesus, keep designing and envisioning our future.**

**When we feel isolated and marginalized, when we are on an island by ourselves,  
we remember Jesus residing on that island with us;  
we remember the power of Jesus-community that never ends;  
we remember we have one another.**

**When we don't know when the trying times will end,  
we remember the love of Jesus that endures forever.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Amy Fillebrown*

**HYMN UMH 131**      “We Gather Together”

- 1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**
- 2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!**
- 3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

**COMMUNAL PRAYER** (*in unison*)

**The Lord, who works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed,**

**has made known God's ways to Moses,  
God's acts to the people of Israel.**

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**The Lord will not always chide,  
nor harbor anger forever.**

**The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is the Lord's steadfast love toward the faithful;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does the Lord remove our transgressions from us.**

**As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to the faithful.**

Psalm 103:6-13

**A READING FROM THE LETTERS: COLOSSIANS 1:10-14**

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: MATTHEW 6:9-15**

For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,  
**thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Pray Like This (4): As We Forgive Those"

*Pastor Suji Han*

**HYMN UMH 454** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

1. **Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.**

*Refrain*

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes/ears/heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.**

2. **Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.**
3. **Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.**

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father [God/Creator], who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom [kin-dom], 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 [kin-dom], and the power,  
And the glory, forever. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**      “Ayre of Four Parts”

-John Dowland

### DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him [God] all creatures here below;  
praise him [God] above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father [Creator], Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**HYMN UMH 98**      “To God Be the Glory”

- 1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

#### *Refrain*

- Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**
- 2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**
  - 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**      “Piece Number 9 in F”

-Samuel Wesley

**March 22, 2020**

*Whoever you are, and wherever you are on your journey of faith,  
you are welcome at First Community UMC.*

**We hold each other in love and hope.  
We pray for the most vulnerable.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **All in-person gatherings are canceled or postponed** until April 6 according to state's guideline ([www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19](http://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19)).
- Today is **UMCOR Sunday**. More information: [www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/one-great-hour-of-sharing](http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/one-great-hour-of-sharing).
- **Wednesday Bible Study *Online***: join our Lenten Bible studies on Zoom (an online platform for audiovisual meetings)! On March 25, April 1, and April 8 at 7pm, follow this link, <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/861506159>, and be part of this amazing class. Make sure to email Pastor Suji in advance to receive reading materials for the week. If you are not sure about technology—even at the last minute—contact Pastor Suji so she can help you out (there is also a call-in option).
- **Serve-One-Another Ministry**: if you need help because you are unable to leave your home *or* if you are healthy and willing to help others, please email Pastor Suji so she can arrange the service to make love flow.
- Please note Pastor Suji will keep holding her office hours in case of an *urgent* need for in-person pastoral care. Additionally, if you would like to have a conversation with her over the phone, please know she is more than willing to share God's grace.
- If you have announcements to be shared in the bulletin, please email Pastor Suji by the preceding Friday.

***During the week ahead, please pray for these friends:***

March 22 - Sam Aluia & Nino Aluia  
March 23 - Kali Baker & Sylvia Bosselman  
March 24 - Valerie Becker-Nogueira  
& Wallace Nogueira  
March 25 - James Nogueira & Sharyn Bosselman  
March 26 - Elizabeth Bosselman & Nancy Burbine  
March 27 - Jennifer Calhau & Rose DeGaudio  
March 28 - Lorraine & Patrick DeFlorio  
March 29 - Barbara DeFlorio & William DeFlorio

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