

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2020

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

GREETING *(from Psalm 85)*

Let us hear what God will speak.

Surely the Lord will proclaim peace.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

And righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will always give what is good.

And God's footsteps will show our way.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"How Great Thou Art"* (UMH 77)

**O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Chorus:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. *(Chorus)***

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *(Chorus)***

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *(Chorus)***

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

**A sunbeam, a sunbeam, Jesus wants me for a sunbeam;
A sunbeam, a sunbeam, I'll be a sunbeam for him.**

HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

(UMH 369)

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Chorus:

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *(Chorus)***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness,
lost in his love. *(Chorus)***

HYMN

"My Faith Look Up to Thee"

(UMH 452)

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me
roll;
blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

HYMN

"In the Garden"

(UMH 314)

**I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.**

Chorus:

**And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. *(Chorus)***

**I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. *(Chorus)***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Open Our Eyes"

(TFWS 2086)

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen

PRAYER CONCERNS

Let Us Pray...

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: China, Hong Kong, Macau
All those affected by the coronavirus

For our family and friends:

Karen Bowker	JoAnn Doak	Cilla Gregory
Carol Slater	Sally Johnson	Adalid Verastegui
Andy Carver	Jett Heermans	Sterling and Marilyn Hartman
Edna Soto	Diann Russell	Miranda Smith Williams
Susan Griffith (Myrl McKellar's daughter)		Drew Arnold (Jane Hilton's nephew)
Connie Kohl (Karen Packard's sister)		Linda Howard (Steve's wife)
Trenda Osborne (Jeff and Cindy's daughter)		A. J. Sowder (Pat's son)
Sandy Beville (Karen Packard's cousin)		Pam Packard (Sue Sidney's sister)
Brice Bridges (Sally Johnson's great-grandson)		
Bruce Anderson (Carol Slater's brother)		
Debbie Ozolins and Peggy MacWilliams (Sue Sidney's cousins)		
Kristy Buchak (Marc and Dorothy Hall's daughter)		
Gonzalo Herrera (Sergio Longoria's friend's brother)		
Erin Koeppen (Glenda Morrison's granddaughter)		

PRAYER SONG *"Nothing Can Trouble"* (TFWS 2054)

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.**

GIVING MOMENT AND OFFERTORY

LENTEN DOXOLOGY

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

HYMN

"Spirit Song" (UMH 347)

**O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

Chorus:

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. (*Chorus*)**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

SINGING THE SHALOM

This week at Cedar Park First UMC

SUNDAY, March 22nd

- 10:00am Livestream worship on Facebook (go to [Facebook.com/CedarParkFUMC/posts](https://www.facebook.com/CedarParkFUMC/posts))
- 1:00pm Pastor Peter leads a Bible study on the book of Revelation via Zoom

TUESDAY, March 24th

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:00am Bible discussion group via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, March 25th

- Noon Discussion of *40 Days with Wesley* (Days 19-24) via Zoom

For the Zoom events listed above, please contact Pastor Peter for information on how to participate: Peter@cpfumc.org