

March 29, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent 10:30 AM

**Those who are able, please stand*
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. Please join us after service for food and fellowship time.

MUSICAL PRELUDE:

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

God's blessings are all around us, in all the families of the earth. As human beings created in God's own image, we carry that divine blessing that he has given to each of us. The Lord assures us that in our human lives before God we are to "first sit down and estimate the cost." Be assured that our greatest possession—the only possession that we can never lose—is our possession of you, O God. We are God's people. It is God who made us and we are His children now and forever. Through God we are saved and blessed. Amen

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Coming from places that have seen better days, we come this day hoping to encounter Christ.

People: We come with burdens and questions that only God can answer.

Leader: Come, all who need help! God and listen to the word of God.

People: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Come, all who desire blessings! God will breathe new life into us.

People: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages. From the very beginning God has been with us in Love.

Leader: Come, all who long for salvation! Come seeking God's saving grace.

People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God.

All: Let our hearts rejoice in God's kindness and love. AMEN.

GATHERING SONG "God will take Care of You" UMH 130

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

The God we serve is the God of life, the God of hope, the God of new beginnings—even for difficult time and times of shattered dreams. The shackles that once held us down in fear, sin, prejudice, and guilt will be on the day of resurrection. God defies these earthly entanglements with the power of hope. This we trust, and by this we live. Thanks be to God!

Time with God's Children:

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

PASTORAL 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In gratitude and thanks, receive from our hands this portion of our labors. By your Spirit's leading, may we use these gifts to bless the life of others with the assurance of love, the promise of hope, and the course of justice. This we do to your glory. Amen

SONG OF COMMITMENT “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” UMH 297

Psalter Reading: Psalm 130 UMH 848

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI (We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible)
UMH 70 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SCRIPTURE John 11:1-45

SHARING THE STORY “Close Encounters at the Grave” Pastor Joyce Royal

GO NOW TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

SENDING SONG “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

UMH 295

THE SENDING FORTH

We are a people loved by God. We will live as signs of this love.
We are a people blessed with hope. We will live in light of this hope.
May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the courage of the Spirit,
strengthen our faith and set us loose to share God’s love with all.. Go now in
peace, with God’s blessing. Amen

MUSICAL POSTLUDE ”

Worship Reader:

Music: Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: Connie Shepard, Donna Thompson, Family of Marina Smith, Family of Joanne Freeman, Family of Janice O’Regan, Karen Holly, Dorothy Holly, Tanya LaVada, and any other prayers in your heart this day.

Our Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy Fundraiser Website is open
Use <https://www.northmainstUMC.terri Lynn.com>

*** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part
of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-844-3354***

Welcome to Worship

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

