

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
11:00 A.M.
Rev. Mark Piedmonte
Music Director – Gregory Fraser
*** Congregation will stand**

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Chopin Waltz in Ab
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.

MISSION MOMENT: Operation We Care

INTROIT: “What Wondrous Love Is This” ” *(See Insert to follow along)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good!
All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

*OPENING PRAYER
Leader: Let us pray:
All: Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you bring salvation to the world. Give us strength to believe in him that we may share in his victory over the power of death and fulfill the purpose for which you have made us, for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” *(See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION
Leader: This is the judgment that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ. Let us pray:
All: Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we live sinfully and deceitfully. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
All: What great news – in Christ we are forgiven and made new! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI
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. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:
Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**
Leader: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with each other in community.
(turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)

YOUTH MESSAGE: Workin’ Hard Rev. Mark Piedmonte

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Leader: Let us pray:
All: Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Ephesians 2:1-10 **Sung Response** (Psalm 107 Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries)
John 3:1-21

Response to God’s Word
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Working with Grace” Rev. Mark Piedmonte

*HYMN: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *(See Insert)*
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Taken from the **Confession of 1967**
God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God the highest qualities of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE (Responsive)
Leader: God or Abundant Grace **All: hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)
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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING / DEDICATION
*CLOSING HYMN: “For the Healing of the Nations” *(See Insert)*
*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: **Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Beethoven Sonata 8: 2nd Movement

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, March 14, 2021

4th Sunday in Lent

9:00am 11:00am	CONTEMPORARY Worship Service – Taylor Hall TRADITIONAL Worship Service – Sanctuary; Greeter is Deacon Carol Rose
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What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
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2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
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4 And when from death I’m free I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on,
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
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OPENING HYMN: COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.
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3 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. **[Refrain]**
4 Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
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2ND HYMN: WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
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1 For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.
2 Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.
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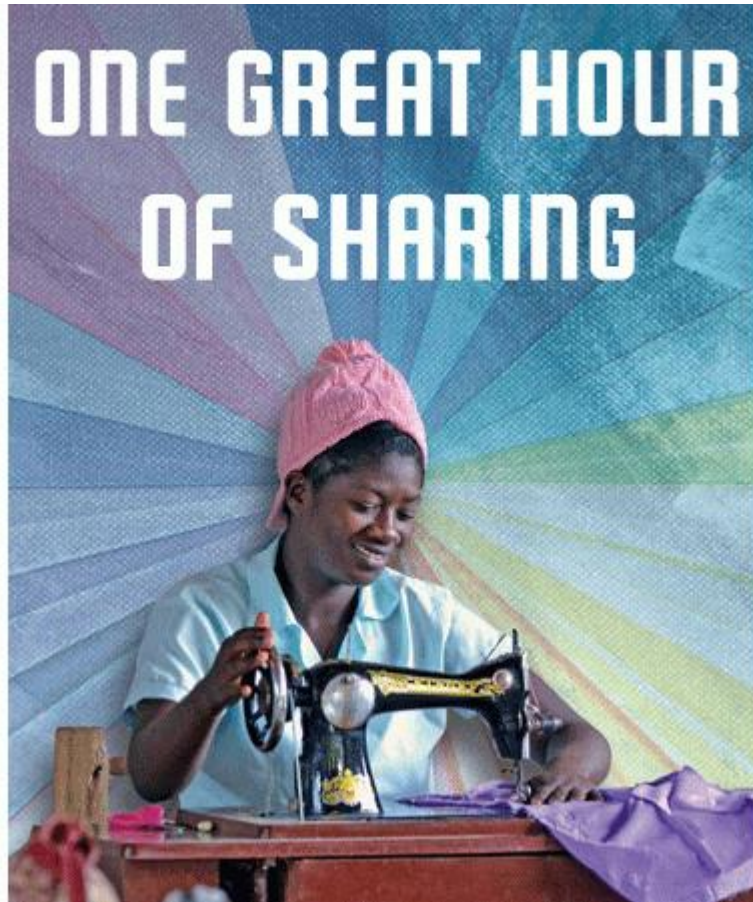
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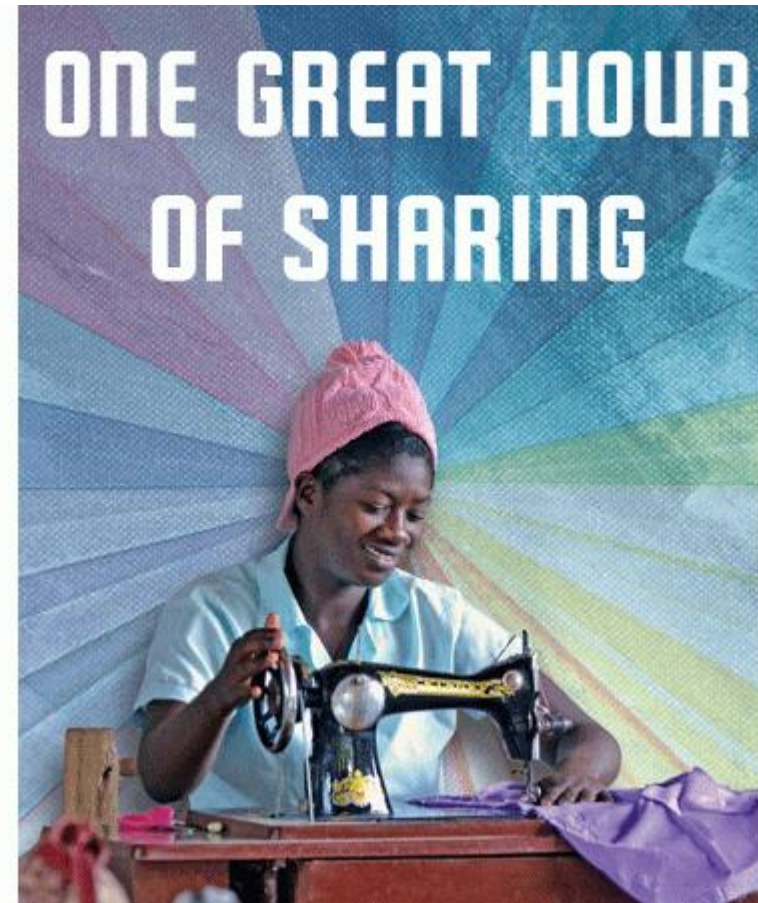


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