



March 22, 2020, 4th Sunday of Lent
Online Worship

*Welcome to St. Mark's online! Using the YouTube playlist,
you can follow along using this order of worship.*

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn - Open My Eyes

Old Testament Reading - 1 Samuel 16:1-13, NRSV

The word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

You can find more children's resources at smumc.org including children's bulletins, coloring sheets, art activities, and a page that will help you engage the scripture with your whole family.

The Gospel Reading - John 9:1-41, NRSV

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Psalm 23 - Shepherd Me

Sermon - Rev. Emily Chapman

Offertory Anthem - I Believe

Affirmation of Faith

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 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.

Prayers of the People (by Rev. Ginny Griggs)

And as forgiven and beloved children,
we lift our prayers this day for the church and for the world:

*(After each petition, the leader will conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond:
hear our prayer)*

For those who have given up a daily routine for an uncertain future...
For those experiencing anxiety or depression, and those who are grieving...
For those who lack access to information or to physical goods...
For those having to forgo a paycheck...
For those who are ill, and the ones who care for them...
For those who sacrifice on behalf of others...
For those who feel hopeless, and those who are lonely...
For our families and loved ones, especially those living in close quarters,
that we may find an extra measure of grace...
For this faith community, together in spirit if not in body,
that we may discern the best ways to serve our neighbors in safety and in love...

Merciful God, fill us again in this hour with your strength and joy.
Make us instruments of your peace, for the sake of the world.
Remind us of your promises and of your goodness.
Keep us connected to each other as we remain connected to you,
our Source, our Rock, and our Redeemer.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray by saying...

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

Blessing

Hymn - Breathe on Me, Breath of God