

Order of Worship: Sunday, March 19, 2023
8:30 a.m and 11:00 a.m.
4th Sunday in Lent/Living Well Part II: Social Wholiness

Welcome Rev. Becky Rokitowski, Associate Pastor

Prelude arr. D. Wood
My Song Is Love Unknown
Lighting of the Candles Acolytes

Call to Worship Caroline Cox and Congregation

God of the prophets, call to us today.

Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us.

Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You.

Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of all creation, help us to know Your ways.

We gather to hear Your call,

to sing Your praise,

to teach each other,

to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.

Rev. Mindi

Opening Hymn UMH 451
Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession and Pardon Caroline Cox and Congregation

O God of all good gifts, how generous are your provisions for us!

Even before we are aware of our needs, you know what it is that we need.

**You invite us into community and provide for us out of your steadfast love:
nourishment for our bodies, protection from the elements and safety.**

You ask in return that we respond to your love

by working for justice: nourishment and protection for all.

You expect that we will seek righteousness as a way of life.

**But so often O God, we fail to live, being mindful of others
in a caring, just and righteous way.**

**When your love and justice do not flow through our lives,
our community withers, and so do we.**

Forgive us, O God!

In your loving care, show us again the way to participate in your realm.

Words of Assurance

My friends, be assured that God hears our petitions!

God continues to expect of us a life in which justice prevails.

This is God's desire for us.

We, God's forgiven people, are free to live into that desire.

God loves us still. **Amen.**

Henrietta Stith Andrews

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| Response | <i>Kyrie eleison</i> <i>Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.</i> | A. Dvorjak | TFWS 2275 |
| Passing of the Peace | | | |
| Missions Moment | Elder Care Services | | Helen Ervin |
| Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer | | | Rev. Rokitowski |
| Anthem (11:00) | <i>In His Hands</i> | T. Osiek | Covenant Chancel Choir |
| Children's Chat | | | Rev. Rokitowski |
| The Offering | | | |
| Offering Prayer | | | Rev. Scriven |
| Offertory | <i>Amazing Grace</i> | arr. S. Eithun | Youth Ensemble |
| Doxology | | | UMH 95 |
| Scripture | Luke 18:1-8 | | Caroline Cox |
| Sermon | "In Pursuit of Justice: What's Your Why?" | | Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven |
| Closing Hymn | <i>Standing on the Promises</i> | | UMH 374 |
| Sending Forth | | | Rev. Scriven |
| Postlude | <i>Toccata on 'And Can It Be'</i> | | J. Innes |