



## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

Greeting

Dr. Andy Stoker

Opening Prayer

The Reverend Ann Willet

Creed

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.

Scripture Text

John 9:1-7 (CEB)

Dr. Stoker

Sermon

"God Bless This Mess"

Song

*Lead Kindly Light*

Carrie Chavarria, piano  
Julianne Harris, soloist

Holy Lord,  
we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness.  
Being so sure that we "see," we miss the truths you would teach us.  
With your healing love, cure this blindness.  
Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings,  
our own failures, and our own faults.  
Make our shadow side known to us,  
and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace.  
For it is only when we see ourselves clearly  
that we can worship you truly.  
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Stoker

Hear these comforting words:  
When we repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy,  
our sins are forgiven.  
Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life  
with God and all people.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

Almighty God,  
we pray that our siblings  
may be comforted in their suffering and made whole.  
When they are afraid, give them courage;  
when they feel weak, grant them your strength;  
when they are afflicted, afford them patience;  
when they are lost, offer them hope;  
when they are alone, move us to their side;  
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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.

Dismissal with Blessing

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