

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
March 14th, 2021
“Fourth Sunday in Lent”
“UMCOR Sunday”

This bulletin is for a Zoom Service and home service.

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING TO UMCOR MINISTRY
PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

“Peace be with You!”

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

Jesus said: “I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.”

Let us act justly.

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you gave me clothing.”

Let us love tenderly.

“I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.”

Let us walk humbly with our God.

May we see Christ in one another,

that we may be healed and peacemakers in Christ’s name.

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Let My People Seek Their Freedom*

UMH 586 (vs. 1 & 2)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

O God, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth, the God of the spirit of all flesh. Hear our humble intercession for all races and families on earth, especially for those who experience natural disaster. Remove hatred, prejudice, and contempt from our minds, and fill with love and mercy. May we be the means of your grace to convey love in acts. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Proclamation of God’s Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

John 3:14-21

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 “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. 18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Reason God Gave His Only Son”

Pastor Jenny Lee

(If you are not able to join us for Zoom Live Service, one of your family members may read the written sermon, or view the video clip on Facebook, or listen to the Sermon by Phone.)

We Respond to God’s Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

O God, may your word reassure us. When we are afraid to face detractors and enemies, when we are so isolated that even you seem far away, when judgment comes and we are reluctant to face all that your light reveals. In your rich mercy, lead us to times of singing and rejoicing, in spite of oppression, shadow, and separation. In the name of Jesus, who fully embodied your intent for humankind, we pray. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER
PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

O God, we bring our treasure not to build monuments to ourselves, but to send messengers of your good news to all the world. We dedicate these gifts, not so much to enhance the programs and ministries of this congregation as for the sheer joy of proclaiming your goodness among all people. May our gifts reflect the depths of love we have known, and that we want to share. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

*CLOSING HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This*
UMH 292 (vs. 1 & 4)

*BENEDICTION Pastor Jenny Lee

POSTLUDE

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The United Methodist Church

10 am Online Zoom Service

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