



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 2021



Our altar flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Bab Mollere's new grandson,  
William Alexandre Beacham who was born on February 4, 2021.



## PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

## GATHERING

Jay Hogewood

*Give thanks to the Lord,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.  
Let the faithful give thanks to the Lord.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Marissa Teauseau Horvath

*Let us walk in the light of the Lord,  
and Jesus will teach us his ways  
that we may walk in his paths.  
Let all God's people cry out in joy:  
God's steadfast love endures forever.  
Come! Let us worship in the light of God's saving love.  
The light has come into the world.  
May we see and may we follow.*



## IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

# 103

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**



## PRAYER

*The light of Jesus Christ be upon you.  
And also with you.*

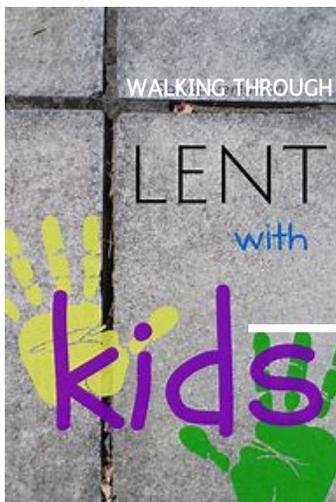
*Let us pray:*  
**God of limitless grace, you meet us in our time of need  
and cause your face to shine upon us.  
We praise you for sending your Son into the world  
that we might be saved  
and for calling us to be bearers of your love and light.  
Redeem us this day, O God.  
Lead us away from actions that are hateful or harmful;  
and guide us by the glow of your mercy and forgiveness.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**



## THE RED STEPS

### Children's Moment



## OFFERING

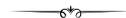
soloist, Randy Bunnell

### The Heart Worships

Gustav Holst

Silence in Heav'n,  
 Silence on Earth  
 Silence within!  
 Thy hush, O Lord,  
 O'er all the world covers the din.  
 I do not fear to speak of thee in mortal kind  
 And yet to all thy namelessness I am not blind.  
 Only I need and kneel again  
 Thy touch to win;  
 Silence in Heav'n  
 Silence on Earth  
 Silence within!

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## JOHN 3: 14-21

*And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "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. "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. 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. 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. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 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."*



## HOMILY





## RESPONSE

soloist, Laurie Phillips 10:00 AM

### Lord, to Thee My Heart is Given

J.S. Bach, from the St. Matthew Passion

Lord, to thee my heart is given,  
enter Thou and dwell in me  
to Thee is my heart, my heart is given,  
enter Thou, and dwell in me, enter Thou and dwell in me.

All my soul I lose within Thee;  
though to Thee this world be small,  
thou shall be my all in all,  
more than earth and heaven to me;

Lord, to thee my heart is given,  
enter Thou and dwell in me  
to Thee is my heart, my heart is given,  
enter Thou, and dwell in me, enter Thou and dwell in me.

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## INVITATION

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community of faith and encourage you to call  
Pastor Jay at 225-772-3550  
or email him at [jay@raynenola.org](mailto:jay@raynenola.org)



## COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE

#164

**Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:**  
such a way as gives us breath,  
such a truth as ends all strife,  
such a life as killeth death.

**Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:**  
such a light as shows a feast,  
such a feast as mends in length,  
such a strength as makes his guest.

**Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:**  
such a joy as none can move,  
such a love as none can part,  
such a heart as joys in love.



## BENEDICTION

Go in Peace,

**Stand firm  
in your faith.**

**Be Strong.**

**Be Brave.**

**Let everything you do,  
be done in love.**



## POSTLUDE