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# First Sunday in Lent Friends and Family Day

### Fourth Sunday

February 26, 2023 11:00 A.M.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, Pastor-Teacher

Lay Leader: John Matthews Worship Leader: Beryl Lindsay Pianist: Paul Settles Drums: Ben Wilkinson Percussion: Sam Jones

#### COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP Lay Leader

Leader: Come, let us begin this journey of Lent.

**People:** Let us follow Christ to the cross.

Leader: Holy Spirit come and fill our time together.

People: Help us to be fully present here, to Your word, to one

another, and to the world you love.

#### VIDEO PRESENTATION

Becoming Brave produced by Donn Thomas

**OPENING SONG** 

Lift Every Voice and Sing

#### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Father, we have sinned and done wrong. Forgive us, we pray. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and we wonder where You are. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place our trust in You Lord, and to live fearlessly. We will not fear that the earth should change, the mountains shake, the waters rise. Help us to fix our eyes on You and on the ministries to which You have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.\*

#### +ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lay Leader

Fear not! God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives: Our Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life. Know that indeed you are forgiven and be at peace. Alleluia! Amen.

OFFERING OF PRAISE

I Woke Up This Morning Baba, Oh

+PASTORAL PRAYER

GUEST INSTRUMENTALIST Mr. Shannon Ladson
Melodica Medley

#### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

#### GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Text and online giving available. See the website for information.

OFFERTORY

**Praise Team** 

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

**Chancel Choir** 

The Wings of the Dawn By Linda A. Spencer

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(Children ages 4 & 5 and grades 1st-5th are dismissed to class)

#### +SCRIPTURE READING

If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Word of God.

Matthew 8:23-27

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Pastor Richard Allen Farmer

Series: Four Questions Jesus Asked, part 4 "Why are You Fearful?"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

**CLOSING HYMN** 

Hymn No. 241

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

BENEDICTION

People: Amen

**POSTLUDE** 

WHEN THE GATHERING ENDS, THE SERVICE BEGINS.
GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

Hymn= Hymns for the Living Church. (All music/words approved CCLI License #58738)

+No entry at this time.

\* Prayer By Beryl Lindsay

#### **OPENING SONG**

#### LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring Ring with the harmonies of Liberty Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us. Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod Felt in the days when hope unborn had died Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.

W we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered. Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears Thou who has brought us thus far on the way. Thou who has by thy might, led us into the light Keep us forever in the path, we pray

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee

Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee. Shadowed beneath the hand, may we forever stand. True to our God, true to our native land

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#### PRAISE SONGS

#### **WOKE UP THIS MORNING**

I woke up this mornin' with my mind, It was stayed on Jesus.
I woke up this mornin' with my mind, It was stayed on Jesus.
I woke up this mornin' with my mind, It was stayed on Jesus.
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

Singing and prayin with my mind, It was stayed on Jesus.
Singing and prayin with my mind, It was stayed on Jesus.
Singing and praying with my mind, It was stayed on Jesus.
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

Walkin' and talkin' with my mind, It was stayed on Jesus.
Walkin' and talkin' with my mind, It was stayed on Jesus.
Walkin' and talkin' with my mind, It was stayed on Jesus.
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

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#### BABA, OH

Baba, we're in Your Presence, let it rain Pour your rain, let it fall on us. We're in Your presence, let it rain Cause Your rain, let it fall on us. (repeat)

Open the floodgates in abundance and cause Your rain to fall on us.

Baba o! Baba o! Baba o! Baba o!

#### **REPEAT**

Pour your rain, let it fall on us. We're in Your presence, let it rain Cause Your rain, let it fall on us. (repeat)

Open the floodgates in abundance and cause Your rain to fall on us.

Baba o! Baba o! Baba o! Baba o!

**Jonathan Nelson** 

## JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS No. 241

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress; Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed. With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day, For who ought to my charge shall lay? Fully absolved through these I am, From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God Forever doth for sinners plead, For me, e'en for my soul was shed.

Lord, I believe were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore, Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

Nikolaus L. von Zinzendorf