



First United Methodist Church  
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Pastor Teresa Whetsel  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Collin Otteson, Organist  
March 22, 2020

*Holy Spirit, show each of us gathered near and far  
someone who needs a friendly word, a kind smile, a gentle  
touch; may we share your love with all we meet.*

Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

One: Too often, I stay away from those who are not like me.

**Many: Agitate my life, O God.**

One: I would prefer to stick with what I know and believe rather than have to learn something new.

**Many: Agitate my life, O God.**

One: I see people from my own biases, rather than with God's eyes.

**Many: Agitate my life, O God. Clean my heart so I may love as you do.**

Opening Prayer:

On this Sabbath day, we come with joy, together with people all around the world to lift our praises to you, O God. We thank you, Lord, for our Christian unity, but we lament over the ways we have not listened to the stories of our siblings around the world, not assumed the posture of listening, and not been open to the ways that they can teach us how to share God's reckless love with others. Open us to be changed, to be agitated, to find new perspectives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Centering Song: "I Come With Joy" #617

Psalm Reading: Psalm 33 #767 (with sung response #2)

Children's Message To be sent separately

Offering

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:13-21

Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400

Gospel Reading: John 4:4-30

Message "Openhearted Love"

Prayer of Confession:

Holy Lord, I know I struggle and am sinful. I want to be made new in you. I ask for you to make me a new creation, where I can start fresh today and live for you from now on. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Joys/Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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.

\*Closing Hymn: "Freely, Freely" #389

\*Benediction

**Just as God instructed Samuel to anoint David as Israel's king, God has anointed each of you for special work. May this worship service strengthen you for service!**



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