

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN

March 22, 2020

"Fourth Sunday in Lent"

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

HYMN

"You Are Mine"

*I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here. Refrain*

*I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in me. Refrain*

*I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know my name. Refrain*

Refrain: *Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23

HOMILY

Pastor Chris Myers

HYMN

"Bind Us Together"

Refrain

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be

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bro ken Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Bind us to -

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Verse

geth - er in love. There is on - ly one God, There is on - ly one King;

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There is on - ly one bod - y, That is why we sing;

back to refrain

STATEMENT OF FAITH – United Church of Christ

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

THE PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

...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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

***God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; Refrain***

***God be with you till we meet again;
neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you; Refrain***

***God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you; Refrain***

**Refrain: *God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet***

POSTLUDE

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.