March 22, 2020 ~ The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

Prelude ∼ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ∼ *responsive*

Leader: Jesus said, I am the Light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.

All: We have the Light of Christ.

Let us trust in the One who is Light.

In Him there is no deceit or confusion.

*you are invited to stand as you are able

*Hymn #192 ~ "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"

***Prayer** ∼ in unison

Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Passing the Peace ~ You are invited to greet one another with signs of peace:

fist bumps, air hugs, big smiles!

Breathing Prayer

Response #455 ~ "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand. (repeat once)

Gospel ~ John 9:1-12 in dialogue as translated in <u>The Complete Gospels</u> by Robert E. Miller **Special Music** ~ "When Jesus Wept"

Art work by Christie Piastowski

Message ~ "Finding ourselves in the story: once I was blind..."

*Hymn ~ "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

- 1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am fund, was blind, but now I see.
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Call in Prayers of the Community

The Lord's Prayer ~ in unison 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

^{*}Hymn #749 ~ "Come! Live in the Light!"

^{*}Benediction

^{*}Postlude