



Virginia sunrise: March 24, 2020

My soul waits for the Lord –
more than those who watch
for the morning...Psalm 130:6

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Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Digital Worship Service
March 29th, 2020 10:15 AM

Prelude

“Mercies Numberless”: *Air from the oratorio “Saul” by Handel*
“May God Smile on You” by J. S. Bach



Gathering Hymn

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Welcome

Call to Worship

O mortal, can these bones live?

Only the Lord God knows.

O people, hope in the Lord.

With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

Prayer of Confession

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore, we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Response

Holy Lord, most holy Lord, You alone are worthy of my praise.

O holy Lord, most holy Lord, with all of my heart I sing.

Great are You Lord...Most holy Lord.

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 130

New Testament Lesson

1 John 1

Sermon

"Tears of Hope"

Musical Offering

by Franck

"Pamus Angelicus"

Blessing

Hymn of Commitment

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need your strength and power
to help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness your face to see.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

Questions to take with you

- What piece of music will stay with you this week?
- What scripture passage is especially meaningful to you today?
- What does the phrase “tears of hope” mean to you?
- In what area of your life do you need hope this week?
- In what ways can you share God’s hope with another person this week?

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Participants in today’s service: Michael Dugan, Cathy Sanders (vocal music), Lynne Pabst (children’s sermon), Scott Lawvere (A-V support), Michael Dugan (violin), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper (pastor).