

# The Worship of God

The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2020

## *We Gather in God's Presence*

### Prelude

Great is Thy Faithfulness  
*Mr. John Posey*

arr. Carol McMillen

*As you gather for worship in whatever space you find yourself, center your heart and spirit on God's presence in your life.*

### Lighting the Altar Candles

*The light symbolizes the presence of God in our worship and in our lives.*

### Greeting

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hayes

### Invocation

Rev. Dr. Hayes

### Call to Worship

The Lord is our Shepherd.  
**God leads us beside still waters.**  
Christ restores our souls.  
**The Spirit leads us in right paths.**  
Even though we walk through the darkest valleys,  
**We fear no evil for God is with us.**  
Come, let us worship God, ever Three and ever One.

Rev. Ben Lucas

### Hymn 405

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.*

*We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.*

*Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.*

*Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our beings fill;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has loved us, love us still.*

## *We Hear God's Word and Pray*

### Scripture

Matthew 6:19-24

Mrs. Leigh Reynolds

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if



your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of the People**

Mrs. Reynolds

**Lenten Response 642**

NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (Stanza 3)

*Near the Cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.*

### ***We Grow from God's Word***

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Hayes

### ***We Respond to God's Word***

**Hymn of Response 472**

LEMMEL

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

*O soul, are you weary and troubled? No, light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!*

*Refrain:*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.*

*Through death into life everlasting; He passed, and we follow Him there;  
Over us sin no more hath dominion for more than conquerors we are! [Refrain]*

*His word shall not fail you, He promised believe Him and all will be well;  
then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell! [Refrain]*

### ***We Worship through Our Giving***

*We encourage you to continue giving tithes and offerings so that bills and ministries are supported.*

*You may do this through our website ([oaklandchurch.com](http://oaklandchurch.com)), the Breeze app, texting “Give” to  
(803)599-3738, and using automatic drafts.*

*If you need assistance with any of these methods, please contact the church office.*

### ***We Are Sent Forth to Share with Others***

**Service and Fellowship of the Church**

**Benediction**

Mrs. Kim Shaw

**Postlude**

Cornerstone Medley

arr. Mark Hayes

