

**Worship for the Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2020  
Crosscreek Baptist Church**

**Gathering**

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Prelude

Welcome and Opportunities to Connect

A Blessing of Peace

**Centering**

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Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship Litany

*Happy are we who hear the joyful call to worship,  
for we walk in the light of God's presence!  
Let's worship God together—  
celebrating who he is and all that he has done!  
For God is our strength and our protection,  
the One in whom we trust.*

The Lord's Prayer

*....Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.*

## Hearing

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### Hymn of Praise - No. 319 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy  
health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Sing now in glad adoration*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper  
thy work and defend thee,  
Who from the heavens the streams of  
His mercy doth send thee.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
Who with His love doth befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that  
is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come  
now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

### A Reading from the Psalms Psalm 89:1-4

*I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:  
‘I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.’” Selah*

## A Moment for Children

### A Time of Reflection

*Wholehearted living is about engaging with our lives from a place of worthiness. It means cultivating the courage, compassion and connection to wake up in the morning and think, “No matter what gets done and how much is left undone, I am enough.” It’s going to bed at night thinking, “Yes, I am imperfect and vulnerable and sometimes afraid, but that doesn’t change the truth that I am also brave and worthy of love and belonging.” - Brené Brown*

### Worship in Song “Hole Hearted”

### A Reading from the Gospels Mark 12:28-44

*One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.*

*While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.’” David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?” And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.*

*As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour*

widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Hymn of Discipleship - No. 272  
"They Will Know We Are Christians"

*We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored*

*Chorus:  
And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
By our love*

*We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land (Chorus)*

*All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come  
And all praise to  
Christ Jesus His only Son  
And all praise to  
The Spirit who makes us one (Chorus)*

Sermon  
"Unburdened: Wholehearted"

## Responding

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### Silence and Meditation

*It takes a huge effort to free yourself from memory, but when you succeed, you start to realize that you're capable of far more than you imagined. - Paulo Coelho*

### Hymn of Commitment - No. 656 "Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love"

*Chorus:*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. (Chorus)*

*Neighbors are rich and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near and far away. (Chorus)*

*These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Chorus)*

## Enacting

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### Benediction and Blessing

### Hymn of Parting "An Old Irish Blessing"

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,  
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field; And until  
we meet again, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.