

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

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March 19th, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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**All are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

Angie Schmitt

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

RINGING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we pass through the waters,

All: God is there with us.

One: When we suffer and feel hopeless,

All: God is there with us.

One: When we are joyful and celebratory,

All: God is there with us.

One: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

All: God is there with us, always.

One: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, God with us.

-written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution

*OPENING HYMN

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

NCH #252

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. God makes me lie down in green pastures; God leads me beside still waters; God 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.

UNISON PRAYER

God of justice, peace and righteousness come into our midst this day. Breathe your breath, your Spirit of prophecy, your energy, your enlivening, your imagination on us. Wake us up Open our eyes Unplug our ears That we might hear That we might see That we might grieve That we might dream That we might follow the ways of your extraordinary kingdom. Amen!

- Jonny Baker

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-21, 39-41

Dustin Adkins

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam". Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

One: The word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE		Dustin Adkins
OFFERING INVITATION		Dustin Adkins
OFFERTORY		Angie Schmitt
*DOXOLOGY		Hymnal #780
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God for all that Love has done, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER		
PASTORAL PRAYER		Dustin Adkins
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
	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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.	
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come</i>	NCH #175
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i> Vs. 1 & 2	NCH#472
*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH		Dustin Adkins
POSTLUDE		Angie Schmitt



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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

MONDAY	7:00 PM	BOY SCOUTS
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	ZOOM BIBLE STUDY
	7:00 PM	ZOOM FELLOWSHIP
	7:00 PM	CUB SCOUTS
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	ROMEOS COFFEE CLUB
	10:30 AM	PROPERTY & FINANCE MEETING
	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL
	7:00 PM	LENTEN DISCUSSION
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	ART CLASS
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	WORSHIP
	3:00 PM	CHRIST THE KING

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **One Great Hour of Sharing** – UCC Mission
- **Easter Egg Hunt 4/8** – Please continue to help us fill the eggs for our annual hunt!
- **Fellowship** – Join us on zoom Tuesday March 21st at 7:00 pm.
- **Congregational Meeting** – March 26th at 10:30 am.
- **Ellie McHenry** can be reached at: Villas at Sunny Acres, 2515 E. 104th, Thornton, Colo. 80233 303-255-4100