** Grace St. Paul’s United Methodist Church**

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

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4th Sunday in Lent March 19, 2023

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE: May the Peace of Christ be with you!

 **And also with you!**

\*OPENING HYMN **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.

**People: Let all the world give glory to the Lord and exalt his name, let them declare his praise in the coastlands, and proclaim his deeds from the mountaintops.**

Leader: May the earth be filled with the knowledge of your glory, O Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

**People: Great is the Lord and worthy to be praised, splendor and majesty are before Him.**

Leader: Not to us O Lord but to your name give glory because of your loving kindness, because of your truth.

**People: You alone, O Lord, are our salvation; in you alone we have victory.**

**Both: Amen.**

PRAYER OF PETITION

**O Lord, our God and our Redeemer, we come before you with thanksgiving, we enter your gates with praise, for you have made foolish the wise things of this world and you have revealed yourself to infants. From that which is shamed in this world, you have brought honor and glory to your name, and redemption for us. Help us in our weakness, O Lord, that today and always we may look towards the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and exalt you. Strengthen and empower us to carry with us and proclaim your truth and to reflect your light in the world, that we too may bring glory to your name, through that same Jesus Christ who is exalted with you, One God forever and ever, Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 42:1-9*

EPISTLE LESSON *Colossians 2:6-15*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

 Offertory

 \*Doxology

 CHOIR PRESENTATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION **“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”**

SERMON *The Glories of the Cross.*

 *(John 12:27-36)*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN “**Here I Am, Lord”**

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing (v.1)”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Lenten Service, Wednesday March 22, 5:00 p.m.