

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021 at 10 o'clock



Why is it that Calvin could not speak of the life of the new (hu)man in terms no less radical and categorical – indeed more so – than those which he used in relation to the death of the old?

--Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics*: The Doctrine of Reconciliation iv, 2, pp. 576

PRELUDES

Seal Woman's Sea Joy/The Quiet Man
Matt Torcellini, Celtic Harp

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

As we gather online, let us be mindful of the presence of God in all places.

We gather with gratitude for God's calling from death to life.

We gather with Jesus our brother who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship,
that we may know the joy of discipleship.

We gather in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

**The spirit sustains us in all circumstances. In the number of our days we belong to God,
thanks be to God.**

HYMN #566

Be Still, My Soul
Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**Be still, my soul: for God is on your side:
bear patiently the cross of grief of pain.
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.**

**Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed them in this world below.**

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OPENING PRAYER

**O Holy God, open unto me, light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair.
O loving God, open unto me wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate.
O God of peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness.
O generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts. Amen**

--Howard Thurman, adapted

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

SELECTION

The Raven's Rock/Iníon Ní Scannláin
The Jolly Beggars

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

Ray Epps

SERMON

Values and Rip-offs

Erica Avena

A TIME OF 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A WORD FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Alysa Gudati, CEO, Adlebrook

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory

Si Bheag Si Mhor
The Jolly Beggars

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN

Lord, I want to Be a Christian
Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord I want to be more loving in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord,
I want to be more loving in-a my heart.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tom Kruskal's/Brenda Stubbert's/Jehovah's Retreat
The Jolly Beggars