

**CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 10, 2024**

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**MEDITATION**

*"God never tires of forgiving us;  
we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."*

- Pope Francis

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Quiet

Introit *Halle, Halle, Halleluja (x2)* #2026

\*Call to Worship (\*please stand as you are able)

One: Come, all who are weary and heavy-laden –

**All: For God promises the gift of rest and renewal**

One: Come all who are weighed down by sin, and regrets,  
and fears –

**All: For God promises the gift of hope and new possibilities.**

One: Let us worship God in this hour, that we may follow  
Christ in all our hours.

\*Hymn *Lord, Be Glorified* #2150

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (together, seated) **O God, give us wisdom to receive what the world cannot give – oneness with you. Help us to understand that our life with you does not depend on our ability to be perfect, but on the life and death and raising of Jesus. Give us the assurance that the lives we lead need not be lives of mired in despair, but rather lives of praise and thanks for your presence in whatever circumstances we encounter. Make our words and deeds, as individuals and as a community, serve as sign and witness of your love for this world and all within it. Send us out empowered by your Spirit, that what we speak and sing in**

worship may be reflected in how we live toward others and toward you. **All of these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:** *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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Scriptures Psalm 95:1-7

John 9:1-25

Sermon Blindness Rev. Dr. Wright

Interlude

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

**THANKSGIVING**

The Offering

\*Doxology #95

\*Unison Offering Prayer

**God we bring ourselves to you, just as we are. We bring our gifts and our talents to you, asking for you to bless them and help them to grow that they might be food to the hungry, resources to the needy, and love to the unloved. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* #2112

Benediction

Postlude

***Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the parish hall after the service***

Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright, Pastor

Sean McMahan, Music Minister

Emily Broderick, Lay Leader