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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

We Gather Together

Prelude

Andrew Sims

Welcome and Announcements

*Introit *Holy, Holy, Holy* vss. 1-2

VU 315

*Call to Worship

We have gathered to worship God.

**We have come seeking comfort, inspiration,
community, and insight.**

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's
presence in our midst.

**We have come to share the Lenten journey, letting
the light shine in the crevices of our lives so that
we may be ready for Easter morning.**

In honour of the One who brings grace and life, we sing
our praise together.

*Opening Hymn *It's a Song of Praise* vss. 1, 2, 4 **MV 30**

Children's Time Emily Severson

Children's Hymn *Jesus Loves Me* **VU 365**

Affirming Moment Paula Roberts

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Readings Psalm 36 **VU 762**
Matthew 6: 9-15

Anthem

Reflection

"Life-Giving Forgiveness" Rev. V. Oden
Lenten Series on the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Response *Forgive Our Sins ...* vss 1, 2, 4 **VU 364**

Prayer of the People

**God of the Light that shines in all darkness, may we turn
toward you today. May we turn *toward* your grace rather
than hiding from it.**

**May we courageously seek your mercy and trust your
forgiveness, rather than burying our lives in regret or
grudge.**

**May we faithfully forgive ourselves and one another
rather than losing time in unnecessary chains.**

**May we leave from this place freely receiving, freely giving,
renewed and renewing followers of Jesus. Amen.**

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Prayer Hymn *O God, Hear Our Prayer (Adapted)* **VU 948**

Silent, Personal Prayer

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer ("A Translation") **VU 916**

We Share our Gifts and our Lives

Offering Our Gifts

*Offering Hymn *Grateful (Refrain)* **MV 182**

*Closing Hymn *God of Grace ...* vss. 1, 3, 4 **VU 686**

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction *Lenten Benediction* (Inside Back Cover of VU)

*Postlude Andrew Sims

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

The Lord's Prayer: A Translation

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors;
and do not put us to the test,
But rescue us from evil.

For yours is the dominion, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

---United Church of Christ

The Lord's Prayer: A Paraphrase

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created things!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

--J. Cotter