

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

10:00am

Gathering and Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.**

Opening Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

No. 98

Opening Prayer

**Journey with us, O holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**God, we are often impatient like the people of Israel. We want things our way and we want them in a hurry. Forgive us when we think this way or say it out loud. Lord, we are sinful Please take away our sin. Help us to seek your way. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

Hymn of Preparation

“For the Healing of the Nations”

No. 428

Scripture Reading

John 3:14-21

Sermon

Taking Stock Along the Journey

Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn

“Because He Lives”

No. 364

Thank You

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.**