

March 30, 2014 Lent 4

> (Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Song - "Glory in the Cross"

Discovering the Coptic Cross

Call to Worship

One: When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we

cannot see God

All: We will turn on the light.

One: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace

All: We will turn on the light.

One: When our vision dims due to the darkness within

All: We will turn on the light.

One: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight. All: The light of the world is Jesus Christ.

One: Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind.

All: Hallelujah! Praise God, the light of the world!

Hymn VU #149 – "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

God of light and life, open our eyes and our hearts. Open our ears and our minds. Open our lives to your ways. God of amazing grace, forgive our blind spots that keep us from seeing you; forgive our blind spots that keep us from seeing others as you see them; forgive our avoidance of your healing touch and your revealing spirit. Help us sing of your amazing grace, knowing that we who once were blind can now truly see. Help us know you're amazing grace, trusting that we who once were lost are now forever found by your love. In the name of your gracious love, we pray. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time – "Opening another blind"

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU #371 - "Open My Eyes"

The Word

Scripture Readings – John 9: 1-41 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Reflection – "Christi-anarchy" (a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer) Anthem – "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – Pat Lumsden

Offering / Response

Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy's perfect deed; We, your servants bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart: Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Prayers of the People

- Hymn "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"
- Benediction / Response

Hope of the world, who by your cross has saved us From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt; We render back the love your mercy gave us: Take now our lives, with them your kingdom build.

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister Luci Toews, Church Administrator Myrna Hagues, Organist Nancy Sulkers, Liturgist

Laura Steidl, Music Director Gina Grant, Custodian

Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Svlvia & Bob Mann Greeters: Doug Waldron and Kent Stewart