

Open My Life, Lord
Lenten Midweek Service
April 1, 2020

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When our lives are joyous and laughter abounds,

Christ is dwelling there.

When the news is grim and we have nowhere to turn,

Christ is dwelling there.

In the water and word, the bread and wine,

Christ is dwelling there.

In our life and our death, in the new life to come,

Christ is dwelling there.

#### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

#### **PRAYER**

Open our hearts, Lord, and fill us with your love. Grant us strength and courage, remove our hard-heartedness, and turn us always to you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.** 

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| READINGS       |  |
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The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

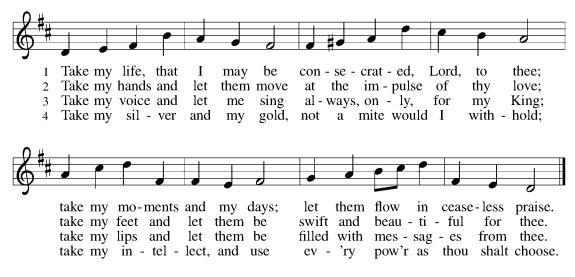
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 16 Galatians 2:15-21

## **REFLECTION**

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**Hymn of the Day** *ELW 685 Take My Life, That I May Be* 

# Take My Life, That I May Be



5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Lord of all life, when we cannot see the beauty of your creation,

open our eyes, that all living things thrive and grow.

When we neglect the poor, the sick, and the grieving,

open our hands to do your work in the world.

When we ignore the cries of injustice in our midst,

open our ears, that all will know your love.

When we are hardened against our neighbor,

open our hearts and heal our resentment.

When we are closed to the grace you long to give us,

open our lives and turn us to follow in the way of the cross.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, hands open to serve those you meet, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross. The God who opened for us the way of everlasting life  $\pm$  bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

## Offerings

Offerings can be mailed to the church, dropped off at the church or use our online giving page on our website at www.egrace.org

## **Worship Leaders:**

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