Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Matt & Daisa (family of Gary & Deb Smidt), Fred Will, Lori Conyer's family for the loss of her mother, Kristy Miranda (Keven Schutz's sister), Kathi Schutz, Denny Lange, and Marjorie Hultquist.

Happy Birthday to Maliyah Melroy, Tami Hanson, Maxine Christensen, Ginger Frizane, Sandy Johnson, Amy Kring, and Russell Olsen.

Happy Anniversary to Russell & Carolyn Olsen—7 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

"Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#94

Offertory Prayer

Great and generous God, our lives are surrounded by things that steal our lives, inflict and destroy us. The tithes and offerings we share with you this day are a way of keeping us focused not on the things that would take life away but will renew our lives: hope, love, compassion, empathy. As the Israelites looked to a serpent on a pole for healing, we look to a Savior on a cross to be brought back to life. In that holy name, Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn **"Because He Lives"** **UMH#364**

Benediction

As God has shared the best with you, now you are challenged to go forth to share your blessings with others. May the peace and love of God go with you always. AMEN.

Postlude **Glen Haselbarth**

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Vision for 2021:
Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13 NIV)

FOURTH SUNDAY *in* LENT

Order of Worship
March 14, 2021

Prelude **Glen Haselbarth**

Welcome and Announcements

1. We are offering live-streaming worship on both Facebook and YouTube. Please put your names on either YouTube or Facebook, and then we will know you are with us.
2. Please keep following the Lenten practices for the Lenten season.
3. The Easter Cards are ready at the entrance of the sanctuary. Each card is only one dollar, and we will use the funds for the church's ministry.
4. Pastor Peter continues to lead a Bible study for the season of Lent. If you are interested, please contact the church office.
5. Last week we received offerings of $3,610. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship
L: We gather to share in our love of God.
P: Lord, open our hearts and let us share your Good News.
L: We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.
P: Lord, let our lives bear witness through service to your people.
L: We gather to praise God whose love is eternal.
P: Lord, open our hearts today to sing your praises. AMEN.

Opening Prayer
Great Triune God,
we have gathered here in your name
as an act of faith,
believing that you are not only among us,
but that you love us.
It is often hard to recognize your love,
see your mercy, and feel your presence.
Help us today in our worship,
that we might be transparent to your grace,
as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn **"How Great Thou Art"** **UMH#77**

Children's Message **Ginger Frizane**

Scriptures **Lena Choi**
Numbers 21:4-9 (NIV)
They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"
Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.
The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

John 3:14-21(NIV)
Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God.

Message **Pastor Peter Choi**
"Looking at the World through the Eyes of God"

Hymn **"Give Thanks"** **TFWS#2036**