

Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for March 22, 2020
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity, and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen. ~ Elizabeth Kübler-Ross

Call to Worship

ONE: When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we cannot see God

MANY: we will turn on the light.

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

MANY: we will turn on the light.

ONE: When our vision dims due to the darkness within

MANY: we will turn on the light.

ONE: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

MANY: The light of the world is Jesus Christ.

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

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

Prayer of Invocation

Magnificent God, who sees all that we can see and everything that we cannot, we gather in awe of your vision that is broad and vast. Be with us now as we worship you. Awaken us to your holiness, inspire us with your creative power, and peel back our layers of anxiety and fear. Enliven us to trust fully in your love for us as we struggle and strive to be who you call us to be, in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Hymn

#207 Just As I Am

Scripture

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Call to Worship from Worship Elements at ministrymatters.com; Prayer of Invocation from UCC Worship Ways