



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF AKRON

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2020
9:30am

Welcome!

Gathered Here

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour,
Gathered here in one strong body,
Gathered here in the struggle and the pow'r:
Spirit draw near.

Centering

The Grace of God Is Yours

Reach out your hands, accept the gift.

Reach out your hands, accept the gift.

Reach out your hands, embrace the gift,

The grace of God is yours.

Reach out your hands, receive the gift.
Reach out your hands, receive the gift.
Reach out your hands, embrace the gift,
The grace of God is yours.

And it is free, free, free. And it is free, free, free.
And it is free, free, free. The grace of God is yours.

Reach out your hands, accept the gift.

Reach out your hands, accept the gift.

Reach out your hands, embrace the gift,

The grace of God is yours.

Reach out your hands, and share the gift.
Reach out your hands, and share the gift.
Reach out your hands, embrace the gift,
The grace of God is yours.

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Morningstar

You are the Morningstar, you are the Fountain,
Life breathing Spirit, hope from the mountain.

We sing for joy of you, while our souls cling to you.
You are the Morningstar.

In dry and weary lands, you give us water,
Greeting each wanderer as son or daughter.

We sing for joy of you...

Liberate yesterday, free for tomorrow.
Guide all who search for you, in stress or sorrow.

We sing for joy of you, while our souls cling to you.
You are the Morningstar.

In faith we seek your face, power and brilliance,
Strong and uplifting hands, grace-filled resilience.

We sing for joy of you, while our souls cling to you.
You are the Morningstar. *Repeat*

Loving Only You, O Christ

Loving only You, O Christ, loving only You, O Christ.

Loving only You, O Christ, and never looking back.

I follow in your steps, my Lord,

While never giving up, my Lord.

I fall before your altar, Lord,

While never looking back.

Loving only You, O Christ, listening to your message
Christ.

Loving only you, O Christ, I seek to do your will.

I will protect the weak, my Lord.

I will defend the poor, my Lord.

I will proclaim your reign, my Lord.

While never turning back.

Loving only You, O Christ, loving only You, O Christ.
Loving only You, O Christ, and never looking back.
I follow in your steps, my Lord,
While never giving up, my Lord.
I fall before your altar, Lord,
While never looking back.

Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace! *Repeat*

Music Reflection

Ephesians 5:8-14

Living in the Light!

Pass It On

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around
Can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it;
You spread God's love to everyone,
You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring
When all the trees are budding.
The birds begin to sing,
The flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it;
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend,
This happiness that I've found.
On God you can depend,
It matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout if from the mountain top,
I want my world to know,
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

I'll shout if from the mountain top,
I want my world to know,
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

May the Blessing of God

May the blessing of God go before you,

May her grace and peace abound.

May her spirit live within you,

May her love wrap you 'round.

May her blessing remain with you always,

May you walk on holy ground.

Today's worship is with thanks to...

Rev. Nanette Pitt, Senior Minister

Antigoné Lowery, Associate Minister

Kevin Speight, Lay Leader

Music and vocals:

Dave Aberth, Kellie Ramirez, Brian Randall, & Mike Vincent

Greg Petusky, AV Tech

All of you for being here – God bless!