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The hymns today come from The United Methodist Hymnal.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SILENT MEDITATION: "Wherever there are birds, there is hope." --Mehmet Murat ildan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The Old Rugged Cross" arr. Rev. George Bennard

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 118 "The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young" CRIMOND

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From all the scattered places we are today,
our hearts turn toward God and toward one another.

All: **In these moments we seek hope.**

One: We call on God to raise us up and renew our spirits.

All: **Our hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.**

One: God's presence is beside you, wherever you are.

All: **God is our hope and our strength.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of Hope and Peace, hear us if you can. Know that many times we feel forsaken and terrified more than supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answer. We suffer and find no relief for ourselves or those around us. We struggle to see any ray of hope. Have mercy on us and let your loving kindness renew our spirits in our time of need. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Nancy Tipton

SCRIPTURE Psalm 121

SERMON "The Season of Hope"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 534 "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

O God, we offer you what we have; our visions and dreams, our love, our resources, to make known your presence and realm among us. May the ministry we extend in these days be blessed by your Spirit and may we dwell always in the shelter of your protection and loving mercy. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 98 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Hallelujah for the Cross!" John W. Peterson

**THE CARE THE EAGLE
GIVES HER YOUNG**

The care the eagle gives her young,
safe in her lofty nest,
is like the tender love of God
for us made manifest.

As when the time to venture comes,
she stirs them out to flight,
so we are pressed to boldly try,
to strive for daring height.

And if we flutter helplessly,
as fledgling eagles fall,
beneath us lift God's mighty wings
to bear us, one and all.

BE STILL MY SOUL

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best,
thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence
let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul:
the waves and winds still know
The Christ who ruled them while
He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief,
and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul:
when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory!
Great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O Come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
and Give Him the glory!
Great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Repeat Refrain

Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be;
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Repeat Refrain