



CROSS OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday in Lent - Year A - March 22, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYER

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SONG

Rescue

You are not hidden. There's never been a moment you were forgotten. You are not hopeless, though you have been broken, your innocence stolen. I hear you whisper underneath your breath. I hear your SOS, your SOS.

Chorus I will send out an army to find you in the middle of the darkest night. It's true; I will rescue you.

There is no distance that can not be covered over and over. You're not defenseless. I'll be your shelter; I'll be your armor. **Chorus**

I will never stop marching to reach you in the middle of the hardest fight. It's true; I will rescue you. I hear the whisper underneath your breath. I hear you whisper you have nothing left. **Chorus**

I will never stop marching to reach you in the middle of the hardest fight. It's true; I will rescue you. Oh, I will rescue you.

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READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness

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Chorus Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free,
 Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing: "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."
Chorus
2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.
Chorus
3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
Chorus
4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. with bold new decisions your people arise.
Chorus

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