

March 22nd 4th Sunday in Lent

Meditative Thought *Jesus came to respond to the universal human need to know how to live well. He came to show us how, through reliance on him, we can best live in the universe as it really is. – Dallas Willard*

Prelude *Open My Eyes, That I May See* arr. by David H. Hegarty

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, let us claim the freedom Christ gives us.

People: Christ has made us able to live by faith, in hope and love.

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

People: Christ has opened the way to the Father by the power of his name! Glory be to God!

Opening Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* 154 verses 1 and 2

All Hail the power of Jesus' name let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!
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Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saved you by his grace and crown him Lord of all!
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Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 16: 1-7

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Intercession:

Leader: Remember your mercy, Lord, and help us,

People: for you are strong and trustworthy.

Leader: Let all generations see your blessing,

People: for your name is holy and your mercy is great.

Leader: Show the strength of your hand; quiet our fears.

People: We will sing with joy and glorify you forever, for your mercy knows no bounds.

Consider those who normally sit near you in the sanctuary as you worship. Picture those individuals in your mind, as we pray together a blessing for them. **Lord, in your mighty name, I pray a blessing of peace for _____.**

Consider those who you know are grieving or lonely; those for whom separation is especially difficult. Picture those individuals in your mind, as we pray together a blessing for them. **Lord in your mighty name, I pray a blessing of comfort for _____.**

Consider your own needs in this moment. Acknowledge what you need before the Lord. Picture yourself at the foot of the cross, as we pray together, **Lord in your mighty name, I need the blessing of _____.**

The Lord's Prayer

Song *Open my Eyes that I May See* 454 verse 1

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hand the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Scripture Reading John 9:1-7

Message Open Your Eyes

Invitation to the Offering *God is full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, abundant in mercy, always ready to forgive. What can we do, but honor this God who cares for us by returning the first-fruits of our labors to be used for his purpose.*

Offertory *Open Our Eyes, Lord* by Robert Cull

Unison Prayer **God of grace and glory, through Jesus you opened to us the path to new life in him. Thank you! We offer these gifts in gratitude for your grace, forgiveness, and compassionate mercy. Use them as you will, for the glory of your name. Amen.**

Blessing and Sending

Postlude *Sing the Glad Song* by Franklin Ritter