

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Born Blind, but
Now I See

John 9



"Seeing"

March 19th, 2023

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SUNDAY SHEPHERD

Sarah Brown

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

St. Andrew's Legacy Carillon

PRAISE TO GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance;
God looks at the heart.

People: Jesus, Light of the world, give us eyes to see as you see!

Pastor: Once we lived in darkness, but now as children of the light, we are called to what is
good and right and true.

People: Jesus, Light of the world, give us eyes to see as you see!

HYMN # 355

"There's A Wideness In God's Mercy" v. 1 – 4

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice
Which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be illumined
By the presence of our Lord.

WORD OF THE WEEK

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless but pass judgement on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

Pastor: [Continue]... and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

People: We will live as children of light for Christ shines on us.

***RESPONSE: HYMN # 812**

"Glory Be to The Father"

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Jan Peterson

Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

Jan Peterson

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-7

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-10

Gospel Reading: John 9: 35-41

Reader: This is the WORD of the LORD for His people.

People: Thanks be to GOD!

MESSAGE

"Thirst"

Pastor Linda Graham

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN # 488

"Just As I Am" v. 1 – 4

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am - Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

***RESPONSE HYMN # 815**

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In gratitude, O God, we come into your presence and into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise and present our tithes and offerings. We pray our gifts may be used to bring Your Light to those who are in darkness. We long to live as children of the light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. In His name we pray. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN # 343

“Amazing Grace” v. 1 – 3, 5

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

St. Andrew’s Legacy Carillon

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March Lectionary

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 19, 2023	<u>1 Samuel 16:1-13</u>	<u>Psalm 23</u>	<u>Ephesians 5:8-14</u>	<u>John 9:1-41</u>
Annunciation of the Lord March 25, 2023	<u>Isaiah 7:10-14</u>	<u>Psalm 45</u> or <i><u>Psalm 40:5-10</u></i>	<u>Hebrews 10:4-10</u>	<u>Luke 1:26-38</u>
Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023	<u>Ezekiel 37:1-14</u>	<u>Psalm 130</u>	<u>Romans 8:6-11</u>	<u>John 11:1-45</u>