



# Community Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
19 March 2023

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Near the Cross*

### \*Call to Worship

(One) Almighty God, you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Spirit.

**(All) Let us spread this gift throughout the world by our love for one another. That it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(One) We are called to this time and place to bear witness to the saving death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**(All) Let us worship the living God, that all might know us by our love for the Lord seen in our love for others.**

(One) The God, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

### Opening Prayer

### Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 23*

(One) The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**(All) He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

(One) Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

**(All) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

(One) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

### \*Hymn (422)

*Amazing Grace*

(1) 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.

(2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

(3) The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

(4) Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

(5) 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.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

*Jesus Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom,  
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom.

#### **Silence**

#### **Response**

*Hear Our Prayer O'Lord*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.*

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

## **PROCLAMATION**

#### **Old Testament Reading**

*1 Samuel 16:1-13*

#### **New Testament Reading**

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

#### **Gospel Reading**

*John 9:1-41*

#### **Sermon**

#### **\*Hymn (461)**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

(1) Breathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love whate'er you love,  
and do what you would do.

(2) Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with you I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

(3) Breathe on me, breath of God,  
so that your will is mine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with your fire divine.

(4) Breathe on me, breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life  
of your eternity.

## **RESPONSE**

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

*The Barmen Declaration*

*Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is  
the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we  
have to trust and obey in life and in death.*

*As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all  
our sins, so in the same way and with the same  
seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole  
life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the  
godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to  
his creatures.*

#### **Offertory**

*There is a Fountain*

## \*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

### Passing of the Peace

### Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespases)

## SENDING

### Charge

### Benediction

### Postlude

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Intergenerational Study of the Bible for Youth

The Intergenerational Study of the Bible is cancelled this we for spring break. We'll be back next week at our normally scheduled time.

### Games Up Here

Monday night games is on for this week. Join Jason and Silas for games at the Annex on **Monday, March 20th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.**

### Lenten Midday Prayers

Looking for a Lenten practice centered on prayer and contemplation? Join us for **Taizé prayers every Wednesday during Lent at noon** in the CPC sanctuary.

### Cost of Discipleship Lenten Reading Group

*The Cost of Discipleship* reading group begins this **Wednesday, March 22nd.** We'll meet in-person in Darley

Hall and Zoom **from 5:00-6:30pm MST.** Check your weekly email for the reading schedule.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Prayer Breakfast is happening this week on **Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00am.**

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## SCRIPTURES

### 1 Samuel 16:1-13

16:1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

16:2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'

16:3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."

16:4 Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

16:5 He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

16:6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD."

16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

16:8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

16:9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

16:10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."

16:11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

16:12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."

16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

### **Ephesians 5:8-14**

5:8 For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-

5:9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

5:10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

5:11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

5:12 For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;

5:13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

5:14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

### **John 9:1-41**

9:1 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.

9:2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

9:3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.

9:4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

9:6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes,

9:7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

9:8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"

9:9 Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."

9:10 But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

9:11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

9:12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

9:13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

9:14 Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

9:15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."

9:16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others

said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.

9:17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

9:18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight

9:19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

9:20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

9:21 but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself."

9:22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

9:23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

9:24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."

9:25 He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

9:26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

9:27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

9:28 Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

9:29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

9:30 The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.

9:31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.

9:32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

9:33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

9:34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

9:35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

9:36 He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."

9:37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."

9:38 He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

9:39 Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind."

9:40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?"

9:41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.