

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 26, 2017

8:15 A.M. — 10:30 A.M.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

*(To parents and sponsors):* **Will you nurture these children/persons in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?**

*(To the congregation):* **Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?**

Two By Two is leading the music this morning  
[Nathan Zangmeister / Carrie VanSickle]

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*OPENING PRAISE	451	"Be Thou My Vision"
	206	"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"
	378	"Amazing Grace"
	454	"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30 a.m.) Nathan Zangmeister  
*(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)*

Will you nurture one another, in the Christian faith and life?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

### CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE John 9:1-12, 24-25, 35-41 (Translation: Taylor Burton-Edwards)  
Reader 1 – Narrator Pastor Mark Chow

And going along, Jesus saw a person blind from birth. And his disciples asked him:

Congregation – Crowd

**Rabbi, who sinned? Was it this man himself or his parents that made him born blind?**

Reader 2 – Jesus Nathan Zangmeister

Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God might be shown in it. I have to perform what I was sent here to perform while it is day. The night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Reader 1 -

After he said these things, he spat upon the ground, made mud from the spit, and anointed the blind man's eyes with the mud. Then he said to the blind man:

Reader 2 -

Off with you now! Wash in the pool of Siloam.

Reader 1 -

Siloam means "having been sent." So he went away from there, and washed, and he came out of the water, seeing. Then his neighbors, and those who had seen him before because he was a beggar, said:

Choir -

*Wasn't this man the one who sat and begged?*

Reader 1 -

Others were saying:

Congregation Left -

**Yes, he's the one!**

Congregation Right -

**No, but he looks like him.**

Reader 3 – Blind Man

Jack Thorne

It's me!

Congregation -

**How were your eyes opened?**

Reader 3 -

A man called Jesus made mud, and he anointed my eyes, and he said to me, "*Off with you. Go to Siloam and wash.*" So I went, and I washed, and I have new sight!

Congregation -

**Where is that man?**

Reader 3 -

I don't know.

Reader 1 -

Later, some Pharisees called the man who used to be blind and said to him,

Choir -

*Give glory to God! We know that the man who cured you is a sinner.*

Reader 3 -

Whether he is a sinner, I don't know. One thing I know. I was blind. Now I see.

Reader 1 -

The religious leaders threw him out. Jesus heard they had thrown him out. When Jesus found him, he said:

Reader 2 -

Do you entrust your life to the Son of Man?

Reader 3 -

And who is this, sir, that I may entrust my life to him?

Reader 2 -

You have also seen him. It's the one speaking with you.

Reader 3 -

I believe, Lord.

Reader 2 -

I have come into this world in judgment, that those not seeing may see, and those seeing may become blind.

Reader 1 -

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and they said,

Choir -

*We're not blind, are we?*

Reader 2 -

If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now you say, "We see." Your sin remains.

*Silence*

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

NURTURE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jack Thorne

Proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom drawn near, we look for signs of your kingdom we already see and pray for your saving power to continue to be made known:

**In all people kept in poverty or slavery,  
in all who are in fear from abusers, terrorists, and oppressors,  
in all who face addiction of any kind,  
and in all who are targeted for unjust treatment because of who they are;**

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Seeking to live according to the example of Christ, we seek the healing of our own blindness, and we pray:

**For leaders in religious, political, economic, and social life; and for all who work to sustain and protect our lives as military, civilian workers, and first responders;**

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Surrounding one another with a community of love and forgiveness, we pray for:

**All in our fellowship that they may walk in the way that leads to life, and seek spiritual and physical health for all, and we pray specifically: with families, friends, and neighbors, near and far, like us and different from us; with all who need your healing power, for all who offer healing through their skill and presence; and for all whom we have harmed by our action or inaction;**

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Mark

Receive the prayers of your people, most merciful God. In your compassion, forgive our sins and drive us to lives of faithful service in and through and beyond the nurturing love you offer us through your church, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Silence*

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God! Amen!**

**CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR TITHES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"The New 23rd"

R. Carmichael

\*DOXOLOGY 95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Jack Thorne

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Selected Songs with Two By Two

**GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE**

\*SENDING FORTH

Go into a world filled with bad news.

**We proclaim the good news of Christ.**

Go into homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.

**We live as Christ has shown the way.**

Go into places of self-preservation and revenge.

**We will surround one another with a community of love and forgiveness.**

Go into an environment filled with messages that lead to death.

**We will pray for one another to walk in the way that leads to life.**

Go then, with the blessing of our Triune God.

**We go to live our baptismal calling. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Our Blessed Savior Seven Times Spoke"

J. Pachelbel

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Wanda Anderson in memory of her husband, Richard Anderson.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL** are in memory of Dorothy Schenk who would have celebrated her 100th birthday on March 24 given by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School --

Worship -- 25, 65

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

March 26 Shianne Hollins

March 27 Susan Holdren

March 28 Austin Wolfe

March 29 Abby Melsheimer, Jeff Roquemore, Nancy Schweiger

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

Sunday, March 26	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – Grace UMC
Monday, March 27	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parlor
Tuesday, March 28		
Wednesday, March 29	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 30	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study – Classroom
Friday, March 31	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, April 1		
Sunday, April 2	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – First UMC [Putnam Ave.]



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**VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church**

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

Thanks to Our Worship Leaders this Morning:

Hospitality Team – Rick & Cindy Lawyer, Bev Dunworth  
 Elevator Attendants – Doug & Carla Waltman  
 Organist – Tony Merry  
 Keyboardist – Carrie VanSickle  
 Guitarist – Nathan Zangmeister  
 Liturgist – Jack Thorne  
 Children's Ministry Workers – Julie McAllister, Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris, Dana Swope  
 Sound Technician – Craig Hill

**EASTER LILIES**

The Easter lilies will be ordered through the church office. The cost is \$10.00 each. If you wish to order a lily / lilies, please complete this form and return to the church by placing in the offering plate or mailing. The deadline for placing orders with payment is Sunday, **April 9**. You are encouraged to pick up your lily following the 10:30 a.m. Easter service.

\_\_\_\_\_ number of lilies      \_\_\_\_\_ will pick up the next week

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

**Fourth Sunday in Lent: Living Our Baptismal Calling**

The season of Lent is a time of reflection, self-examination and penitence. During this Holy Season, we will explore the vows of our baptismal covenant. This morning we focus on the vow to *"nurture one another, in the Christian faith and life..."* We learn from Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman.

**TONIGHT – 6:00 p.m. – Grace UMC will HOST** the Community Lenten Service. Rev. Richard Purvis and others will lead us in a dramatic presentation.

**NEXT Sunday, April 2 – 6:00 p.m.** - Community Lenten Service at First UMC [Putnam Ave.]. Rev. Steve Judson, Rev. Jerry Sutton, Tom Swan and others will lead in a dramatic presentation.

**LOOKING AHEAD – April 23** – A Women's Event – *Spring Into Health Gracefully* – immediately following the 10:30 service.