



Fourth Sunday of Lent
Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth-Jarmon
March 15, 2026
9:30am

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Psalm 23

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering of the People

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Ephesians 5:8-10

Leader: Once we were darkness, but now in Christ we are light.

People: We come to walk as children of light.

Leader: The fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

People: We come seeking the light of Christ.

Leader: Let us worship the One who opens blind eyes and awakens our hearts.

All : Let us worship God!

*GATHERING SONGS

"I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say"

Hortius Bonar and Kevin Twit

"All My Hope"

David Crowder and Ed Cash

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, "I came into this world so that those who do not see may see." Yet we often prefer the comfort of darkness to the clarity of God's light. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you are the light of the world, yet we confess that we often walk in darkness. We close our eyes to the suffering around us. We make quick judgments about others. We cling to assumptions instead of seeking your truth. Like the Pharisees in the story, we sometimes believe we already see clearly, while failing to recognize our own blindness.

Silent Confession

Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to your grace. Help us see others with compassion, recognize your work in unexpected places, and follow Christ, the true light of the world. Awaken us from spiritual sleep and shine your light upon us again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #813

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your Word brings light to those who seek you. As the eyes of the blind man were opened, open our minds to understand the Scriptures and our hearts to receive your truth. By the power of your Spirit, lead us from darkness into your marvelous light. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

p. 1159
p. 1061

SERMON

“Holy Mud and Heavenly Vision”

Pastor Barbara

Responding to the Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate.

It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.

CALL TO OFFERING

Jesus opened the eyes of a man who had never seen the world. In gratitude for the light and grace we have received, let us offer our gifts and our lives to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of light, you have awakened us with your grace and called us to live as children of light. Bless these gifts we offer today. Use them to bring hope where there is darkness, sight where there is blindness, and new life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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***SENDING HYMN**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns - If you are worshipping with us online, please use the chat feature to type your prayers and we will include your concerns.

Open Sanctuary during Lent: During the season of Lent, the sanctuary will be open on Wednesdays from 5.15 to 6p for silent prayer and reflection. A copy of the Great Confession from the Book of Common Prayer will be available to ponder. It is a prayer that we frequently say during worship, and it reminds us, especially during this season, of who we are and who God is for us in Christ. Feel free to come in anytime during those 45 minutes and stay as long as you'd like.

Save the date Old Rocks Ladies Tea, Saturday, April 18th, 10 am. Pearl S. Bucks adopted daughter, Julie Henning will be speaking. No charge, donations appreciated. 📧 RSVP needed, seating limited. Let Norma know by April 4th if you can attend.

Craft Event: On April 26 after worship we are offering a craft event. We will have a light lunch and then be creative. Lunch, craft supplies & directions are all included in the \$15 cost. RSVP: to Kim or Norma, we are limited to 12 people

Chris is leaving at noon on Thursday, March 19.

🔔 **The Bells of Kirkpatrick** Please contact Sharyn at (908) 399-3468 or sharydan@gmail.com if you'd like to join them next time they play.

Food Ministry: We gave away 19 bags on Feb 28. Our Easter Giveaway is March 28th.

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