

THE SUNG RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURE READING

“Amazing Grace”

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

SERMON

“The Blind Man: Grace for the Blind”

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Grace Alone”

1. Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.
2. Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*(As the music begins you are invited to come forward to receive the elements.
Baskets have been placed in the front to receive your CAP offering.)
[for Tenth Avenue North’s music video “Greater Than All My Regrets.”]*

†CLOSING PRAYER (responsively)

Lay Reader: Almighty God, we pray that by your Spirit, you would grant us the clear sight of faith to see the wonders of your love and power in our lives. Through Jesus’ redeeming death, we have forgiveness and eternal life.

People: **As the blind man told others about the miracle that had been accomplished in his life, help us to witness boldly to your amazing grace and tell others of the hope and peace that can be theirs through faith in Jesus. As the man who was healed worshiped Jesus, we too worship Jesus as our Messiah and Lord. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in his holy name. Amen.**

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

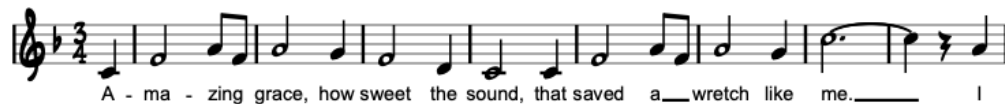
“Amen”

- Chancel Choir

†POSTLUDE

“Hear Our Prayer”

- Dana Moody



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Second Sunday in Lent

“Amazing Grace”



*Welcome in the name of our Lord. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. A Crying Room is also available. Please ask the greeter for further assistance and direction to these rooms.
[†] = Invites persons to stand as they are able.*

PRELUDE

“Lenten Prayer”

- Dana Moody

THE MORNING WELCOME

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

CENTERING PRAYER (responsively)

Pastor: *How many times in our lives have we felt lost, alone, abandoned.*

People: **Yet there is One who will never leave our side. We can depend upon God’s loving presence to rescue us and to heal our brokenness.**

Pastor: *Even though we have been battered and blown by storms and struggles, we still can place our trust in God’s abiding presence.*

People: **It is the grace of God that has brought us through and will continue to be with us all our lives.**

Pastor: *Our lips shall sing and shout forth our praise of God.*

People: **Let our hearts and spirits rejoice and continually be praising God for all God’s mercies. Amen.**

†OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

THE MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (responsively)

Lay Reader: Almighty God, during his earthly ministry, your Son, our Lord Jesus, healed the sick and restored sight to the blind. He fulfilled all that the Scriptures had foretold of the Messiah. His healing miracles proved him to be the Son of God and the promised Messiah. We give you thanks and praise for your saving work through Jesus our Savior. Gracious Lord...,

People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Lay Reader: Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit, give us eyes of faith to see the miracles that you have done and continue to do in our lives, especially the miracle of our salvation in Jesus. Help us to see clearly your truth and to grow in grace as we see Jesus revealed in your holy Word. Gracious Lord...,

People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Lay Reader: Almighty God, we pray for those who are suffering through illness, fear and grief. According to your will, bring them comfort and healing. Lead us to serve them as we offer help to them in their need. Help them to see clearly the hope and encouragement found in the promises of your Word. Gracious Lord...,

People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Lay Reader: Almighty God, the man whose sight was restored worshiped Jesus as Messiah and Lord. Give us the clear sight of faith so that we too will faithfully worship Jesus as our Savior and King. Gracious Lord...,

People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayers as together we pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Lord From Your Hand”

- Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

- John 9:1-7, 24-38 (RSV)

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So, he went and washed and came back seeing ...

So, for the second time [the Pharisees] called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.”

He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

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?”

And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”

The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”

Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”

He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

Today's service is being broadcast on Facebook Live at 11:00 am. You can access the service through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook. You must be a member of that group page to see it however. Please send Dr. Tim a Facebook request to join the group if you are not already a member of the group. You can also access the sermon through the Oaklette UMC Facebook page. If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service will also be downloaded to our website on Monday morning.

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the glory of God by Tim and Lori Hazlett in memory of Alice and Harold Griffin.

The Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God by Barbara Buchanan in honor of her husband, John (Jack) Austin Buchanan's birthday March 5th.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY

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Nursery Care Providers: Nancy Helsel & Shellene Castellow

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