

Waupun United Methodist Church
March 19, 2023



*The Blind Man
of Bethsaida*

**Welcome to worship.
May you find the presence of God wherever you are.**

Prelude

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

“Amazing Grace”
Lewis/Dalby

***Call to Worship**

on screen

Sing: “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has not only given us the brightness of a new day, but has given us the light of the glory of his knowledge in the face of Jesus Christ.

Sing: “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Come, let us come to the light!

Opening Songs

Black #2086 on screen

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Green #3177 on screen

Here I Am To Worship

***Opening Prayer**

Giver of light, we come here today, seeking the way out of our darkness. O Healer of the blind, let us feel the touch of Your clay upon our eyes. Then we, too, shall bathe in Siloam’s waters. We shall wash and return seeing, our sight restored. Your light shall burn within us, O God, and our neighbors shall behold the light of the world. Amen.

Message for/from the Children

“Growing in the Light”

Bible Reading

Translated by Taylor Burton-Edwards

John 9:1-12, 24-25, 35-41

Reader 1: (Narrator) **And going along, Jesus saw a person blind from birth. And his disciples asked him:**

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

Reader 2: (Jesus) **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: (in an aside) **Siloam means “having been sent”. (in a regular tone of voice) 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 East: Yes, he’s the one!

Congregation West: No, but he looks like him.

Reader 3: **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.**

Hymn Red #454 on screen "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Pastor's Message "Four Ways of Seeing"

Tithes and Offerings

*Song of Thanksgiving Black #2031 2x on screen "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"
*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Joys, Praise and Concerns Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

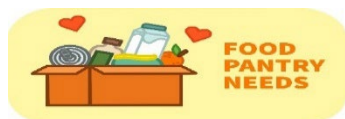
*Closing Song Red #451 on screen "Be Thou My Vision"

*Blessing

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, March 19: Confirmation – 10:15
Tuesday, March 21: Elizabeth Circle – 1:30 @ Prairie Ridge
Wednesday, March 22: Amazing Grace Bible study – 6:00
Choir rehearsal - 7:00

This year's Lenten Bible study will be a study based on the hymn: "Amazing Grace." This year is the 250th anniversary of the hymn. The study continues at 6:00 pm every Wednesday and will conclude Wednesday, April 5. Study books are available for \$10. Contact the Church Office if you would like one.



March - Canned Fruit
April - Paper Products

Today's Worship Ministers: All of us - wherever we are
Tech Operators: Cole and Callan Bartlett
Pianist: Laura Ten Pass
Pastor/Worship Leader: Steve Miller
Counters: Dan Dolgner and Gary Schulz

INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST

Joyce Brown Tammy Kasuboski Bob Bradley Jessica and Brian Jacobson Paula Wendt
Ray Dolgner Ryan Giese Dolores Good Those impacted by war in Ukraine The Confirmation class

Remember our homebound:

Hillside Manor, Beaver Dam: Joyce Berry
Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton
Prairie Ridge, Waupun: June Witowich, Phyllis McDowell, Alice Chase, Betty Buchholz
Remembrance Home, Beaver Dam: Dick Walters

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