

Hillcrest & Gibson Chapel Presbyterian Churches

A Service for the Worship of God

March 22, 2020

Forth Sunday of Lent

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.

Prelude

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts and minds
for worship with a moment of silence.

A Moment of Silence

Click Here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQjpAygDcG4&feature=youtu.be>

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Hymn: He Is Exalted – Twila Paris

Click This Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xuos8WiVF_wHe

The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

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Prayer of the Day (together)

Holy God,
why is it that we look, but do not see?
Bring us again and again into your light
until your ways become visible to us,
and bear fruit in us.
Touch us so that we are utterly changed,
though we were blind, now we see.
Lord, we believe,
help our unbelief.
In the light of Christ we pray. Amen.

A Word of Welcome and Announcements

As for now all larger church activities are suspended until this crisis passes.

Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

Click Here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdNASJDwvAU>

Call to Confession

Leader: Psalm 32 says, Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek God's grace. As our forbearers have sought God's forgiveness, let us do likewise and confess our sin to God in the presence of one another.

Prayer of Confession (together)

Gracious God,
who too often like darkness rather than light.
This makes it easy to see our selves as blameless
and pass judgment on others.
Forgive us, we pray.
Bring us into your light that we
may see ourselves rightly.
Bring us into your light that we
may know ourselves loved.
Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives.

(silent prayer)
— In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Sisters and brothers be glad in the Lord and shout for joy, for all that God has done through Christ..

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God

Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Click Here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fi7bAVQrgdA>

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Choral Anthem: Psalm 34

Click Here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfW2mkkMTAg>

Scripture

John 9:1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed 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." 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, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 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?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 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." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 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." 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. 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." 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 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 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." 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. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

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." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. 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?" Then 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, "Here is

an astonishing 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 he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you

believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. 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." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJ5XsXJG5bQ>

Rev. Jack Cormack

Prayers of Praise

You are invited to share where you have seen God in the world around you.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our praise

Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)

Here is a secure link if you would like to give electronically. Or if you would prefer, please feel free to mail your offering to the church, 818 E. Norton Road, 65803

Offertory

Click Here: <https://hillcrestpresbyterian.square.site>

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn: King of Kings

Travis & Lily Conttrel

Click Here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcjkvroYFOE>

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Choris

Praise the Father, praise the Son

Praise the Spirit, three in one

God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Choris
Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint

By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me,

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
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Charge & Benediction

***Response**

May the love of God
be all around us,
all around us, everywhere we go.
May the grace of God
shine down upon us,
down upon us,
and everyone we know.

This is our prayer
as we leave this place
with our hearts
full of love and grace.
May the love of God
be all around us,
all around us, everywhere we go. *

***=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand**

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