

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
Sunday March 19th  
Fourth Sunday of Lent



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME TFWS 2236 Gather Us In

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We worry;

**About so many things.**

Are we good enough? Kind enough?

**Are we loving enough? Caring enough?**

We worry;

**But God lets us know he loves us no matter what. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

We sit and we worry, we doubt if we are enough. Yet in the midst of this God comes bringing to us the joy of knowing we are loved. God comes giving to us the gift of knowledge that we are guarded and comforted in his mighty hands. When we worry God is there to embrace and sustain us that we would grow in our faith. Amen.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Joy Joy Joy v I

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM Calvary, by Beall/Carter

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers/Names of the People

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

LORD'S PRAYER

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 now and forever. Amen.

HYMN:           UMH 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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

\*UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,  
giver of every good and perfect gift,  
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,  
that we may praise you not with our words only,  
but with our whole lives. Amen.

LESSON   I           John 9:1-17 CEB

**As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"**

**3 Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in**

him. 4 While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. 7 Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means *sent*). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

8 The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?"

9 Some said, "It is," and others said, "No, it's someone who looks like him."

But the man said, "Yes, it's me!"

10 So they asked him, "How are you now able to see?"

11 He answered, "The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and then I could see."

12 They asked, "Where is this man?"

He replied, "I don't know."

13 Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. 14 Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man's eyes on a Sabbath day. 15 So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

The man told them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see."

16 Some Pharisees said, "This man isn't from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law." Others said, "How can a sinner do miraculous signs like these?" So they were divided. 17 Some of the Pharisees questioned the man who had been born blind again: "What do you have to say about him, since he healed your eyes?"

He replied, "He's a prophet."

**May God add a blessing to this reading.**

\*HYMN

UMH 273 Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

\*LESSON 2

**John 9:18-41 CEB**

**18 The Jewish leaders didn't believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents. 19 The Jewish leaders asked them, "Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?"**

**20 His parents answered, "We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. 21 But we don't know how he now sees, and we don't know who healed his eyes. Ask him. He's old enough to speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they feared the Jewish authorities. This is because the Jewish authorities had already decided that whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be expelled from the synagogue. 23 That's why his parents said, "He's old enough. Ask him."**

**24 Therefore, they called a second time for the man who had been born blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know this man is a sinner."**

**25 The man answered, "I don't know whether he's a sinner. Here's what I do know: I was blind and now I see."**

**26 They questioned him: "What did he do to you? How did he heal your eyes?"**

**27 He replied, "I already told you, and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"**

**28 They insulted him: "You are his disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but we don't know where this man is from."**

**30 The man answered, "This is incredible! You don't know where he is from, yet he healed my eyes! 31 We know that God doesn't listen to sinners. God listens to anyone who is**

devout and does God's will. 32 No one has ever heard of a healing of the eyes of someone born blind. 33 If this man wasn't from God, he couldn't do this."

34 They responded, "You were born completely in sin! How is it that you dare to teach us?" Then they expelled him.

35 Jesus heard they had expelled the man born blind. Finding him, Jesus said, "Do you believe in the Human One?"

36 He answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him."

37 Jesus said, "You have seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you."

38 The man said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped Jesus.

39 Jesus said, "I have come into the world to exercise judgment so that those who don't see can see and those who see will become blind."

40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard what he said and asked, "Surely we aren't blind, are we?"

41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you wouldn't have any sin, but now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Hands of Compassion

\*HYMN

UMH 581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

\*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

UMH 269 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, vs. 4

POSTLUDE