

# Lenten Service

## March 15, 2023

The Blind Man (John 9:24): We witness Jesus bringing sight to a man born blind, giving the man the added spiritual vision to see the amazing grace of God found in Jesus, who heals us all.

*One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see. John 9:24*



### Opening Hymn: When Love is Found

When Love is found and hope comes home, sing and be glad that two are one.  
When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God and share our Makers joy.

When love has flowered in trust and care build both each day, that love may dare  
To reach beyond homes warmth and light to serve and strive for truth and right.

### Confession and forgiveness

L: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

**C: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,**

L: Who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed,

**C: Who gives food to the hungry.**

L: The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**C: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

L: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**C: The Lord watches over the sojourners;**

L: He upholds the widow and the fatherless.

**C: But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

L: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

**C: Praise the Lord!**

L: Jesus showed grace to the blind man and restored his sight. Trusting in God's compassion and saving love, we confess our sins and ask his forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

**C: Almighty God, although we claim to see and know so much, all too often we are lost in the blindness of our sins. We follow tempting pathways instead of walking in your commandments. We act according to our own desires instead of obeying the guidance of your holy Word. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Open our eyes so that, by faith, we will see the wonders of your love and grace.**

L: God has mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. The Lord and Messiah, who opened the eyes of the blind, came to lay down his life as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Prayer of the Day:

**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. 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 prayers and accept our praise in his holy name. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 35:4-10

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-9

**Gospel Reading** John 9:1-7, 24-38 **Glory to you Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Message

**Message** - Grace for the Blind

**Hymn of the Evening/Offering:** Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand. Lead me on, let me stand  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone, through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light take my hand, precious Lord lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near  
And the day is past and gone at the river, I stand  
Guide my feet, hold my hand, take my hand precious Lord lead me home

**Prayers:** (Gracious Lord, **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer**)

**Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

***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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen***

**Benediction:**

L: So we are always of good courage

C: **We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.**

L: The grace of the lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the +Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen**

**Sending Song:** Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind but now I see

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God**

- Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Michele's Last Service with Perley Parish  
9am service at Nora with 10am Sunday school, 11am Service at Kirkebo