

**HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Order of Service for the Worship of God**

March 26, 2017

4th Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Carolyn Wallace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Open Our Eyes, Lord*

Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 27: 1, 5, 4, 8, 13-14

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**P: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble. He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high upon a rock.**

L: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

**P: You have said, "Seek my face." My heart answers, "Your face, LORD, I do seek."**

L: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

**P: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage. Yes, wait for the LORD!**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we bless you and praise you for your love and mercy poured out upon the earth and upon all peoples. Bless us now, as we gather to worship and glorify you, the living God, we pray in Christ's name, Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Psalm 51: 1-3

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

**P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we rejoice in the love and grace of Jesus, but we continue to live our own lives as if nothing had changed. Forgive us for failing to be led by the Holy Spirit, and for failing to be transformed by the new life Christ offers us. Increase our faith and our commitment, so that we may more fully turn from sin, and more fully live according to your will, and your purposes. (Silent prayer and personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ From Ephesians 5: 8-9, 18c, 20

L: Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true.

**P: Be filled with the Spirit, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father**

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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ANTHEM

*You Are Mine*

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 9: 1-41 ~ Pages 932-933 in the pew Bible

As he [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from his 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 revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam," which means "sent." So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he looks like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the man who had formerly been blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath law." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" 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 how he now sees we do not know, 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 feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ, they were to 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 said to him, "Give God the praise; 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

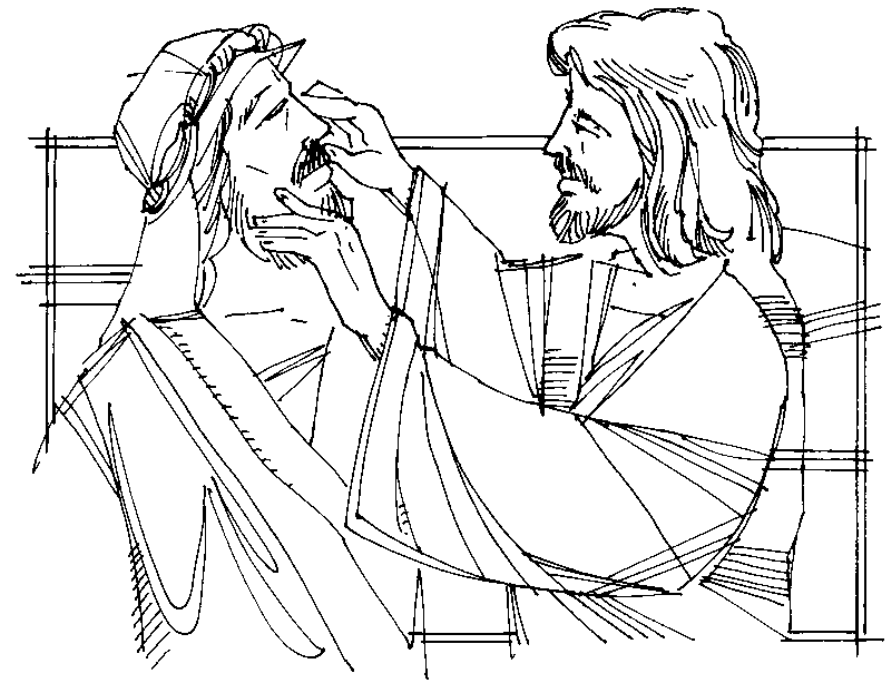
did he open your eyes?" He answered, "I have told you already, and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! 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 them. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one 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 speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe!"; and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON	"Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind"	Rev. Frank Wyche
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH</b>	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	Inside front cover of hymnal
<b>*HYMN</b>	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	#343
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>		#815
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
JOYS AND CONCERNS, MORNING PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		
<b>*HYMN</b>	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	#562
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*CHORAL CLOSE</b>	<i>With Thee, O Master, Let Me Live</i>	Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE		Carolyn Wallace

\*Those who are able may stand.

**BOLDFACE TYPE** indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.



## Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind

~John, Chapter 9

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