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# The Service of Worship

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

11:00 a.m.

### **Prelude**

### **Lighting of the Altar Candles**

### **Ringling of the Church Bells**

### **Choral Introit**

Return to God

Choir

### **Words of Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Leader** Once you lived in darkness.

**People** **Now the light of God has shone upon us.**

**Leader** Come, worship God who forgives and heals our blindness.

**People** **The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God's light.**

**Leader** Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

**People** **Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation. Amen**

### **\*Hymn**

[Amazing Grace](#)

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### **Call to Confession** (leader)

To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive. Confident in God's grace, let us then confess our sin before God and one another.

### **Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Holy and Merciful God, we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness. Being so sure that we "see," we miss the truths you would teach us. With the poultice of your love, cure this blindness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures and our own faults. Make our "shadow side" known to us and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace.

Sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Forgive our lack of faith and our fearfulness. Give us courage to reach out to the light and accept its healing rays. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

### **Silent Confession**

**Words of Assurance** Rev McDonald

**Amen** Choir

**Anthem** Man of Sorrows Choir

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev McDonald

**The 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 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, forever. Amen.

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Prayer** (in unison)

Gracious Lord, as followers who are blinded by your wondrous light, we seek to be amplified beacons of your astonishing light to others. Help us to reflect your love by listening to your call and to your will for our lives. In gratitude, we dedicate these gifts in the name of the one who lived, died, and rose for our sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Doxology** #95

**\*Hymn** [O Christ, the Healer](#) #265

**Scripture** [John 9: 1-41](#)

**Special Music** Kathi Hiatt

**Message** New Eyes Rev. McDonald

**\*Hymn** [Open My Eyes, That I May See](#) #454

**Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## Schedule of Our Opportunities

<b>Today</b>	9:00 a.m.	Heart of Worship in the Social Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday school
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
		Service broadcast on <a href="http://wfbr1590.weebly.com/">wfbr1590.weebly.com/</a> or 1590 AM/Facebook Live Stream

### Looking Ahead

March 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Missions Meeting – Social Hall
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Quilter's Meeting – Ward Room
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Quilter's Meeting – Ward Room
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	United Women in Faith – Social Hall
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle – Social Hall
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Quilter's Meeting – Ward Room
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Meeting – Rm #58
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Quilter's Meeting – Ward Room
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Quilter's Meeting – Ward Room
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Meeting with the District Superintendent
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting – Social Hall
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Quilter's Meeting – Ward Room

WELCOME GUESTS! To all who seek a warm and spirit filled place to worship;  
To all who seek a church home; to all who struggle and desire victory;  
To all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tired and need rest;  
To all who are friendless and want friendship;  
To all who are joyful and want to celebrate;

To all who are grateful and want to give thanks; to all who sin and need a Savior;  
And to whosoever will our Pastor and the members open wide the doors of  
Glen Burnie UMC, and in the name of Jesus the Lord, says – WELCOME!

**\*\*\*Newsletter** - Please provide any information for the April/May Newsletter to Debi no later than March 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and have a blessed week!

**\*\*\*Candy Needed** - Our youth will be stuffing Easter eggs for the Church's Easter egg hunt! They are looking for donations of candy that will fit in a standard plastic Easter egg. Please leave any donations in the library by March 26<sup>th</sup>! Thank You!!!

**\*\*\*Grief Share** - St. Philip Neri is providing a Grief Peer-Support Group that is open to any adult living with the grief associated with the death of a love one. The church is located at 6402 S. Orchard Road, Linthicum, MD. To register, please call the Parish Office at 410-859-0571 or email them at [stphilipnerigriefsupport@juno.com](mailto:stphilipnerigriefsupport@juno.com)