



Allen Park Presbyterian Church (USA)

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 22, 2020—10 a.m.

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Welcome to the online worship service of

Allen Park Presbyterian Church

**Located at 7101 Park Avenue
in the heart of Allen Park, MI**

Our Pastor is Rev. Tim Marvil

Our liturgist is Barry Davis

Special Music by
Christine El-Hage and Marshall Dicks

Technical Engineer: Matthew Carlson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christine El-Hage

OPENING SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-7

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Follow along by saying the parts in bold/italics)

Lord Christ, open our eyes ***to see clearly
the light of the world.***

Holy Spirit, illumine our minds ***to
perceive God's glory shining among us.***

Almighty God, prepare our hearts ***to see,
to trust, to worship the Messiah. Let us
worship God!***

HYMN 649 "Amazing Grace"

(see next page – sing along with us!)

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshítinigtí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'ítí da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 9:8-21

(Follow along by saying the parts in bold/italics)

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."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Follow along by saying the parts in bold/italics)

Gracious God, We are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but 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 as loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we

pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(Follow along by saying the parts in bold/italics)

The psalmist assures us in the 23rd Psalm that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, ***and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.*** Believe the Good News of the Gospel! ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE John 9:22-

34

(Follow along by saying the parts in bold/italics)

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.

Sit back and relax and listen for God's Word.

A SERMON BY REV. TIM MARVIL

"Finishing Strong"

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

John 9:35-41

(Follow along by saying the parts in bold/italics)

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. ***"Tell me so that I may believe in him."*** Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, ***"Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.*** Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." Some Pharisees who were with him

heard him say this and asked, ***“What? Are we blind too?”*** Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Lord, Here Am I” John Ness
Beck

Marshall Dicks, soloist arr. Craig Courtney

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE
WORLD**

Rev. Tim Marvil

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Let us pray aloud
together)*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver

us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

FINAL HYMN 749 “Come! Live in the Light”

(see next page – sing along with us!)

749

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD IN PEACE AND LOVE

Special Music by Christine El-Hage

GIVING OF OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Brothers and Sisters, we are so fortunate that we have been given this time to come together, even while separated. We pray that this time has allowed you to create a peaceful respite in this world we find ourselves. Be assured the God is present and fear not – He is in charge! As we listen to our postlude, we encourage you to take this time to provide support to our fellowship by providing your gift through our on-line giving or by sending a check to the Church. Peace be unto you!

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