

**NORTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**MARCH 22, 2020 10:00 A.M.**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**GATHERING**

Prayer of Preparation

Gracious God, we pray for your church, the body of Christ in this world. Fill your church with faith, hope, and love. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is amiss, reform it. Where the church is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it. We ask these things for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

**PREPARING FOR GOD’S WORD**

✦ Call to Worship

*Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.*

**Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness**

*but will have the light of life.*

**Let us worship God.**

✦ Hymn “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” **EZRA**

(see hymn attachment)

✦ Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, bring us to our senses. May your light pierce our hearts and minds and force us to see our negligence, our pride, and our selfishness. Forgive us for the sin that tempts us to linger in darkness. Grant us the courage to see your truth and healing, even when it is not easy. In your embrace, may we find the grace to release our burdens and to receive your forgiveness. May we always live as people transformed by your mercy. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

✦ Silent Confession

✦ Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us;  
 Christ, have mer - cy up - on us;  
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

✦ Assurance of Pardon

*The Lord does not see as mortals see.*

**They look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.**

*Once, we were in darkness,*

**but now in the Lord, we are light.**

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✦ Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
 Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
 world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

✦ Passing the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Please pass the peace of Christ with your neighbors.*

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14 (N.T. p.194)

*The word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem “Psalm 23” Heinrich Schütz

Gospel Lesson John 9:1-41 (N.T. p.102)

*The word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Tom Gibbons  
 “None So Blind as Those Who Will Not See”

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

✦ Hymn 451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” **OPEN MY EYES**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Prayer

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

✦ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, all crea - tures  
 here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more - One  
 ho - ly God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

**SENDING**

✦ Hymn 853 “We Are Marching in the Light of God” **SIYAHAMBA**  
 (English only - "Marching; Dancing; Praying; Singing")

✦ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God’s world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Closing Voluntary Jonathan Reuss  
 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

(✦ Congregation standing)

Thank you to those leading worship today for Live Streaming our worship service.

Rev. Tom Gibbons, Pastor and Acting Head of Staff

Rev. Wendy Fenn, Parish Associate

Bryan Page, Director of Music Ministries

Emily Cox, Director of Youth and Children’s Ministries

Shirley Latham, guest organist

The flowers we would have ordered today are given by Jackie & John Young to the glory of God and with prayers of thanksgiving for all our medical personnel serving steadfastly in the face of the pandemic. May our community bloom with compassion and caring for our fellow citizens.

For those of you who would like to look up the Scriptures at home we use the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.