

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Building a community of faith unleashed into the world by the love of God.

PLEASE NOTE: Words & Music to Hymns/Responses are included at the end of the bulletin.

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Meditation

"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:30-31)

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Matters of Community

Prelude

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ

by J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

One: As in the days of Jesus the blind received their sight,

All: **So may we see you, O Gracious Savior.**

One: As we receive our sight, as we see you more clearly,

All: **May we also see our sister and our brother;
the hungry and the poor, those who live next door,
and those who live half a world away;
all of them are neighbor to us when we call you Christ.
Open our eyes as we sing, open our hearts as we pray,
open our lives as we worship you this day.**

Opening Hymn # 314 (see below) Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Call to Reconciliation

One: We are called to be God's people. Let us come to God to confess our sins with humility.

Prayer of Confession

All: **Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Even though we have lived in darkness, God's light is being poured out for us. May we accept the light and love that is freely offered and be transformed by its healing mercies.

All: Amen!

Passing of Christ's Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share the peace of Christ by waving to your neighbor, and call or text someone to share the peace of Christ with them as well.

Response (see Below) Kyrie – from Sing the Faith Hymnal, #2275

Proclaiming the Word

Anthem

The Healer

**by John Stockton
and William Hunter**

Prayer for Illumination

One: Guide us, O God, by your Word that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened.

First Reading

Psalm 23

Second Reading

**John 9:1-41
Readers' Theater**

Sermon

BELIEVE: A Man Born Blind

Rev. Roger Scott Powers

Responding to the Word

Hymn # 451 (see below) Open My Eyes, That I May See

Mission Focus

FaithWorks

Beth Dillow

Invitation to the Offering

One: Our lives overflow with the goodness of God. Sharing what we have so abundantly received, we bring now our tithes and offerings to God, with gladness and gratitude.

Offertory

Response # 710 (see below) **We Lift Our Voices (We Are an Offering)**

Prayer of Dedication

All: In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. In his name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People (*from joys and concerns emailed to Pastor Roger through the week*)

The Lord's Prayer

All: Loving God, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn # 649 (see below) **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

Postlude

Prelude in G-minor

by J.S. Bach

Charge and Benediction

One: ...and let the people say:

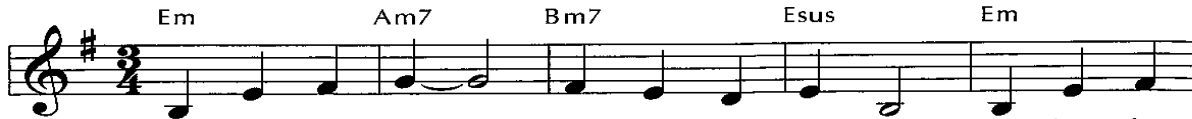
All: Alleluia! Amen.

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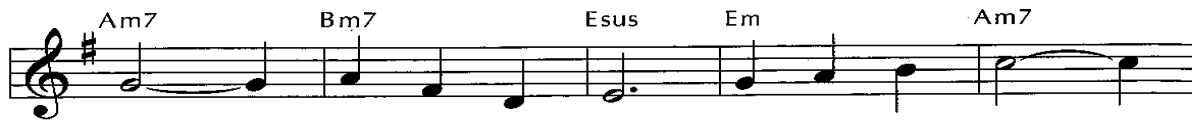
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Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



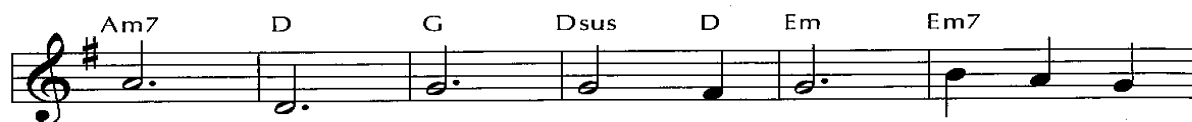
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your




church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

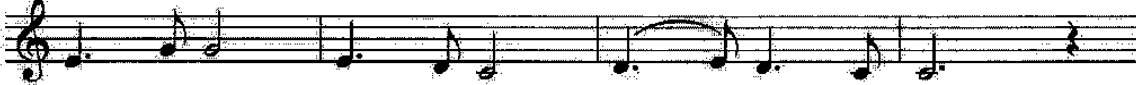
Kyrie (NEW WORLD) / The Faith We Sing 2275

Kyrie

Words: Ancient Greek
Music: Based on Mynt II from
Symphony No. 9 by A. Dvorak



Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.



Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



e - le - i - son.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

We Lift Our Voices

We Are an Offering

710

F C F C
 We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our
 F C 3 Dm7 F
 lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our
 C F C
 voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
 F C 3 Dm7 F G7
 lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
 Em7 Asus A Dm7 F G Esus E Am
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
 F C Bb Dm F
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our
 C F C F C
 voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
 3 Dm7 3 C
 we are an offering; we are an offering.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

THANKSGIVING

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 yóóiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da ní't'éé.*

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.