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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**4th Sunday in Lent**  
**March 22, 2020 | 9:00AM**

## *WE GATHER IN GRACE*

OPENING SONG: OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART  
by Paul Baloche

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you; I want to see you;**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you; I want to see you;**

**to see you high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love  
as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."**

**Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see you.**

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

OPENING PRAYER

God is in the water that restores our soul.  
God is in the night when we lose our way.  
God is in today and tomorrow,  
raising up leaders, prophets and dreamers.  
And God is in the wilderness with us—  
every step of the way.

So with confidence we declare—  
If God is in those spaces,  
then God is surely with us in all things.  
Let us worship the God of creation.  
Let us worship the God of wilderness spaces.

#### Hymn Christ Be Our Light

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

*Refrain:*

**Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. (Refrain)**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to faith,  
but so often we walk by sight:  
We want fact to be truth  
and truth to be obvious.  
We seek answers that resemble  
what already lies in our field of vision.  
We value clarity more than reality,  
what we can see more than what may be,  
what conforms to our picture  
more than what shocks, surprises,  
challenges or confounds us.  
Light of the world,  
forgive us when we privilege our own sight  
and thus become blind.  
Open our eyes to you –  
your deeper truth and your life within us –  
so that we might look around us  
and within us and see anew.  
In faith,  
may we come to know you more fully,  
love more deeply, and see the world  
and everyone in it as you do,  
according to your grace. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters,  
regardless of how we see,  
we are loved by Christ,  
who came to bring sight to the blind  
in mind and Spirit,  
who knows our blind spots  
and gives us new vision.

**May we learn to see  
with the eyes of Christ. Alleluia!**

#### SUNG RESPONSE

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

## *WE GROW IN GRACE*

#### WEE WORSHIP

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

[Psalm 23:1& 6 and John 9:1-41](#)

#### MESSAGE "[SEEING IS BELIEVING](#)"

Rev. John Dillon

#### INVITATION FOR PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*During the following music you are invited to enter a time of quiet reflection. If you are currently on Facebook, feel free to then share your joys and concerns using the comment section.*

#### SONG FOR PRAYERS: DON'T BE AFRAID

by JLBell

Don't be afraid.  
My love is stronger,  
my love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid.  
My love is stronger and I have promised,  
promised to be always near.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERING: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

by Howard Goodall

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## *WE GO IN GRACE*

SENDING

Gathered or scattered, God is with us.

In suffering and hope, God is with us.

Now and always,

Triune God,

Creator, Son and Spirit is with us.

Joyfully we cry: **Amen!**

*We gather in grace,  
we grow in grace, we go in grace...  
The journey continues  
in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

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