



Lent at Christ Presbyterian Church

Do Justice Love Mercy
Walk Humbly
with your God

Sunday Livestream Worship

March 22 — The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Christ Presbyterian Church

We Gather in Love

Welcome and The Call to Worship

Once you lived in darkness.

Now the light of God has shone upon us.

Find what is pleasing to God and follow God's ways.

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

Thanks be to God who gives us the light!

Open our eyes, O Lord, that we might see opportunities to serve you and our hearts to receive your light of healing grace.

Gathering Song *Cornerstone*

Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan,
Eric Liljero, Wm. Batchelder Bradbury

Prayer of Confession

Our God of great mercy and love is our Source of Light,
to whom we come this day seeking restoration of our sight.

As we travel on our Journey to Jerusalem, may God clear away our
blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish
in God's name. Together, let us pray:

Holy 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 healing balm of your love, cure this blindness.

Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings,

our own resistance toward caring, and our own failures to love.

Make the darkness in our hearts known to us

and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace.

**For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you
with a receptive faith. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

A Time of Silence

The Assurance of Pardon

Even though we have lived in darkness,
God's light is being poured out for us all.

**We accept the light and love that is freely offered, and are transformed
by its healing mercies.**

In the light of God, we receive the insight of grace,
and the sightedness of forgiveness and peace. **Thanks be to God!**

Response of Praise *I Will Come to You (You are Mine)*

Glory to God, No. 177

Sharing the Peace of Christ—using American Sign Language



*The candles on the
communion table help
mark our 40-day
Lenten journey.*

*Six candles, purple for
repentance, surround
the Christ candle,
white for purity.*

*All candles are lit on
Ash Wednesday,
the first day of Lent.*

*One purple candle
is extinguished each
Sunday -*

*diminishing the light to
represent Christ's
giving up of self.*

*On Good Friday, the
Christ candle is
extinguished, leaving
complete darkness.*

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in
heaven, hallowed by 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.*

We Grow By Grace

The First Scripture Reading

John 9: 1-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

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..."

Musical Interlude

Siciliano, from Sonata in E flat Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Second Scripture Reading

John 9: 18-41 (NRSV)

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?"...

The Sermon

What the Man Born Blind Can't See

Dr. Robinson

Song of Response

Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone

Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio, John Newton

We Go Forth to Serve

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Hear God's word for us in Phil. 2:5-8:

*"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross."
(the fourth candle is extinguished)*

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending Song

You Have Shown Us

Baloche, Chapman, Garrard, Houghton,
Hughes, Kendrick, Park, Redman, Smith, Smith, Tomlin, Zschech

The Benediction

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."

Let us shine, Lord.

Jesus said again: "Neither do you put your light under a bushel, where it cannot be seen."

And may we answer:

"No, Lord, we will put our light on a stand where it can give light to everyone in the house!"

Go and do justice.

Go and love mercy.

Go and walk humbly with God.

Let us go in in Peace!

Participants in Today's Service

Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson; Rev. Dr. Sharol Hayner;

Kathy Otterson, Natalie Handley

Mary Kay Burton, organ

Matt Clark-Sally, keys/vocals; Bob Clark, bass; Bill Cheadle, drums

John Itson, audio/slides; Dave Alcorn, Videographer/Livestream

Hello—thanks for tuning in!

*Whether you are watching in real time, or at some other time,
we WELCOME you to CPC's Sunday Service Livestream!*

*We are grateful for the opportunity to worship "together" during this holy season
of Lent — through the wonders of current technology,
and are very grateful to those who know how to make it work.*

Until further notice, we'll be streaming one Sunday service each week at 10:00 am.

If you have questions or comments about the service, send them to:

info@cpcmadison.org

Lent is ...

*a journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem. In that journey, we seek to be guided,
as Jesus was, by the words of Prophets like Micah, who called all people back from
empty rituals and self-centered worship ... to live as God wanted them to live:*

Doing Justice, Loving Mercy, Walking Humbly with God (Micah 6:8)

*In this Lenten Season, with Micah as our guide, we will journey with Jesus toward
his Triumphal Entry, his rejection, arrest and death, and his resurrection,
which becomes our resurrection as well.*

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**We are a community centered in Christ, gathering in love,
growing by grace, and going forth to serve.**