

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

March 13, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Lent

*“Be content with what you have, but not with what you are.”*

*-- Frank Holiday Ferris*

PRELUDE “Religious March” Melchoir Franck, arr. Max Reger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG “Open the Eyes of My Heart” Paul Baloche

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Let us come before our Creator in awe, reverence, and praise.

**People: The Spirit of God is upon us, to inspire and empower.**

Leader: The joy of God is our comfort and strength.

**People: We seek the Lord in sincerity and truth, knowing that He is already seeking us.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

PRAISE SONG “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

John Newton, Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus says, “Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Let us approach our Lord and find in Him our burdens lifted.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess that we have acted as if we can earn Your love. We have forgotten that Your love already has been freely given. Forgive us when we forget that we are Your children and that our identity is bound together with You. Help us to live as heirs of life. You call us a “unique people” and a “royal priesthood.” Show us how to witness to Your grace, and help us to love You and trust You with all our hearts. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

(moment for silent prayer).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are those who seek the face of God.

**People: Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds.**

Leader: Blessed are those who ask for forgiveness, for they shall be forgiven.

**People: In Christ, all things are made new. This is the good news of the gospel!**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn No. 622)

CHILDREN’S TIME/and to the young at heart

ANTHEM “Brother Jame’s Air (Marosa)” Gordon Jacob

SCRIPTURE John 9:1-12, 35-41

SERMON “The One Who Seeks”

“When Jesus had found him, He said, ‘Dost thou believe on the Son of God?’ (John 9:35).

\*HYMN No. 76 “O for a Thousand Tongues”

OFFERING “Offertory” C.H. Rinck

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 625)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**May our gifts be multiplied by Your grace, O Lord, so that there may be more for all -- more comfort in times of sorrow, more mercy when we have lost our way, more strength to overcome our failings, and more joy in Your presence. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

\*HYMN No. 504 “He Touched Me”

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” v.3  
Helen H. Lemmel

POSTLUDE “O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”  
arr. Richard Williamson

### **Welcome to our church today!**

If you are a visitor, thank you for coming to worship with us. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the hymnal book holder in the pew. You may then put the card in the offering plate that will be passed to you during the offering. Please join us in friendship and a chance to say hello after the service. Let us know how we can assist you.

### **Easter Lilies**

We are sorry for the inconvenience caused by having such a brief time to order lilies for Easter Sunday. The problem arose by Agway's previous supplier going out of business and they having to find a new supplier. The committee will try to find a new supplier for Christmas. Since the new supplier doesn't include foil, the committee will take care of that problem. If you did not get your order in with the church, you may wish to purchase one and put it in the kitchen by April 13. Please place your name on your lily and notify Arlene to be on the dedication list.

--- Flower Committee

### **Lent Devotional**

"This Love Changes Everything" is the title of our Lenten devotional gatherings. Join us, via zoom, for our journey through Lent. We were introduced to the devotional series at the soup and salad meal on Ash Wednesday, March 2. The following Wednesdays - March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 - we'll gather via zoom from 7 - 8 p.m. Use the same link as we use for the Sunday morning service to join the gathering. Join early for catching up with friends.

### **Coffee Hour**

On the second Sunday of every month the Church Life Committee will be offering Coffee Hours once again to those who choose to share conversations following the Sunday service. Thank you for remaining masked until participating in the dessert-and-beverage time.

### **Covid Policy**

Session has amended the Covid policy so that face masks may be removed during the service. We ask that you still wear a mask when moving around the church before and after the service.

### **For Prayer**

Kevin Ashman, Dave Gross, Bob Sincerbeaux,  
Gretchen Young, Milo Jones, William Merrill

Ushering: Gale Conway  
Flowers: Gale Conway

### **Worship for Next Sunday**

Third Sunday of Lent

Theme: "What He Is and Therefore Does"

Scripture: John 11:1-4, 32-44

Sermon: "The One Who Weeps"

### **Office Hours**

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary pastor, are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

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## Open the Eyes of My Heart

Verse:

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.

Repeat all of the above, then:

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.

Sing 4x

Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see You.

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## Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2:

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Chorus:

My chains are gone – I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3:

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Chorus (2x):

My chains are gone – I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 4:

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

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## O for a Thousand Tongues

### Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen, Amen.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2<sup>nd</sup> century  
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken  
Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

Verse 1:

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumph of His grace.

Verse 2:

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

Verse 3:

He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

Verse 4:

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Verse 5:

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread thro' all the earth abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.  
Amen.

Text: Charles Wesley  
Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gläser; arranged by Lowell Mason

# He Touched Me

Verse 1:

Shackled by a heavy burden,  
'Neath a load of guilt and shame;  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,  
And now I am no longer the same.

Refrain:

He touched me, O, He touched me,  
And O, the joy that floods my soul;  
Something happened, and now I know,  
He touched me and made me whole.

Verse 2:

Since I met this blessed Savior,  
Since He cleansed and made me whole;  
I will never cease to praise Him,  
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

Refrain

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