BLIND BUT NOW I— SEE John 9:1-41

Sunday March 19, 2023

First Presbyterian Church 101 - 6th Ave. NW Kasson, MN

March is Food Share Month



First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN

Rev. Amanda Boss Brian Rohrs, Pianist

March 19, 2023 10:00 AM

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: Once you lived in darkness.

P: Now the light of God has shone upon us.

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

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

L: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

P: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation.

*Hymn No. 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*Prayer of Confession

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Grace With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

We are Inspired by God

* Hymn No. 188 "Jesus Loves Me!"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Pg. 322 OT John 9:1-41 Pg. 125-126 NT

Sermon: Boot Camp for the Soul: Redefined Rev. Amanda Boss

*Select a Hymn

We Respond to God

*Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles Creed (in Unison) I Believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

^{*} Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581 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.

The Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Call for Offering

Anything \$20 or less is counted for our loose offering and goes toward supporting local and international church mission.

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn No. 834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*Dismissal No. Hymn 542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again "God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherds care enfold you, God be with you till we meet again."

*Postlude

Liturgy written by John Wurster, Presbyterian Outlook, 2023

WELCOME VISITORS. Thank you for coming to worship with us.

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PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU, A LOVED ONE, OR A MEMBER IS IN NEED OF PRAYERS.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

NO Bible Study March 22nd

Deadline for the April Newsletter is on Thursday, March 23rd.

Pastor Amanda will be on vacation March 20-25. For any pastoral needs during this time, please feel free to contact Rev. Carol Shaffer at 507-993-4197.

Please keep Bev Livingston in our thoughts and prayers as she recovers her strength and health.

Last day to sign up for the Memorial Garden. The signup sheet for the Easter Memorial Garden is on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

Session Meeting on Tuesday, March 28th at 6 PM

Treasurer's Report:

 Receipts January 2023
 \$ 6,914.00

 Expenses January 2023
 \$ 8,243.86

 Balance January 2023
 \$ (1,329.86)

 Needed weekly
 \$ 2,435.08

 Needed monthly
 \$ 10,552.03

^{*}Benediction