

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE (*you may be seated*)

POSTLUDE

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly

**Those who are able, please stand*

Today, we warmly welcome back to the pulpit guest pastor, Rev. Mike Atzert. After serving as a church pastor for almost 20 years, Mike is now the Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator at Gentiva Hospice.

Prayer Concerns: Ted Weeks; Hope Saladino; Amy Buckley; all those in need of healing or comfort; those impacted by devastating earthquakes or severe weather; those suffering due to war or violence; those who are hungry; caregivers; and for us to see your Spirit around us.

Upcoming Events:

- Today! *Coffee Hour & Fellowship* - After worship, let's gather downstairs in the Assembly Room and enjoy a hot beverage and each other's company.
- Today: *Children's' Choir Rehearsal* - after worship/Sunday School
- Today: *Lenten Bible Study* - Join Marcus after worship to delve further into today's scripture. Bibles are available. All are welcome!
- Tomorrow: Mr Rogers Day-wear a cardigan and do something neighborly!
- Monday, 2:45pm: Book Group - Memorial Room
- Saturday, 10:30am: Women's Association Lenten Breakfast - Assembly Room. All are welcome - invite a friend!

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday April 2 - mark your calendar and sign up to help (day before or day of); several shifts are still available. Contact Diane McCurdy [call/text (908)400-1486] to volunteer!

OGHS: One Great Hour of Sharing continues! Please see inserts, giving envelopes, fish banks, and Sharing Calendar available on the tables in the Narthex. Your gifts to OGHS are shared with the ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. To learn more about these program and how your gift will make a difference, please visit pcusa.org/oghs.



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March 19, 2023

Service for the Lord's Day

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

God summons us to wake up and see. Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness. We seek to live as children of light.

God sees beyond our outward appearance. God knows the intent of our hearts.

We are here to find out what is pleasing to God. We want to know what is right and true.

God listens to all who worship sincerely. Praise God with openness and obedience.

We seek to know and follow God's will. This is a day to do the works of God.

*OPENING HYMN # 450

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Great Shepard, we thank you for finding us and bringing us to this time of prayer. We have wandered far from the paths of integrity, justice, and peace that you have set before us. We are ashamed of some things we do when we think no one will find out. We are quick to judge others and to excuse ourselves. We want to decide who is acceptable to you and who is not. Surely, we persuade ourselves, you prefer people like us and not those who appear,

believe, or act differently. Even as we say those words, we know that we are not in tune with your way. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

RESPONSE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Henry W. Greatorex

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-23

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John 9:24-41

SERMON

"Seeing Light"

Rev. Michael Atzert

*RESPONSIVE HYMN # 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

Crown Ampney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN # 606)

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN # 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio