

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801 407-841-6550

March 19, 2023

Order of Worship 10:30 am

GATHERING



The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Voluntary

Cuthbert Harris

Will Benton, organist

Choral Introit

Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace

(GTG Hymn #425)

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 and our hearts to receive your light of salvation.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn No. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-23

pew Bible, NT pg. 96

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Healing God, we have languished in our blindness.

We have chosen to hide in darkness in order to avoid reaching out and risking acceptance.

We are afraid of the light of your love; how it will change us; what it will require of us.

In your light, there is healing and hope, restoration and transformation.

Forgive our lack of faith and our fearfulness, O Lord.

Give us courage to accept your love and your call to love others.

May our lives be transformed by your mercy, which shines in the love of Jesus for us.

(time of silent prayers of confession)

Response No. 602

Holy Lamb of God

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. (repeat)

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Declaration of Forgiveness (John 8:12; Ephesians 2: 1-10)

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Friends believe the good news of Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God forgives us. Walk therefore in the light of new life in Christ.

Thanks be to God! We believe in Jesus - the way of light, truth, and love for all.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

Following the time on the steps, children are invited to pick up a lap desk from the west side of the chancel and go sit on the floor near their families. This is PRAYground time. The children are provided with coloring and activity pages, as well as other supplies, allowing them to continue exploring today's gospel message.

Hymn No. 702

Christ Be Beside Me

Scripture Reading

John 9:24-38

pew Bible, NT pg. 97

Sermon

Before and After

Rev. Dan DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

pg. 17

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jesus Died on Calvary's Mountain
Chancel Choir

Jay Althouse

*The Doxology, pg. 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

(GTG Hymn # 747)

Postlude

Fanfare
Will Benton, organist

William Mathias

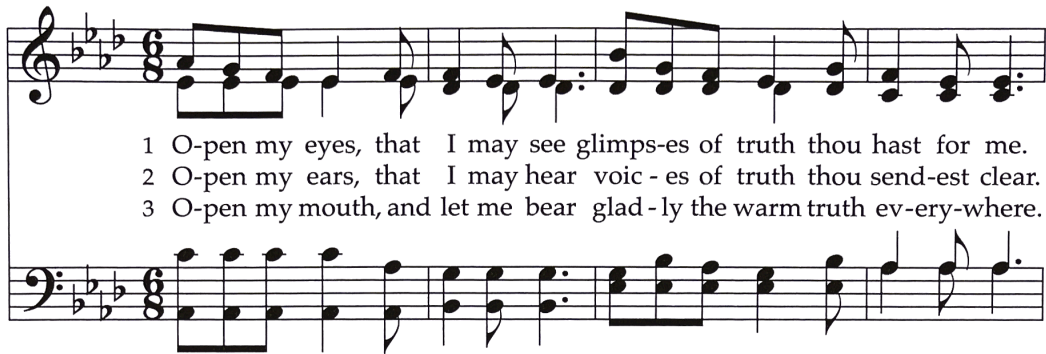
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Worship Leaders Today: Revs. Helen and Dan DeBevoise, co-pastors, Park Lake Presbyterian Church, Robb Ross, choir director; Will Benton, organist.

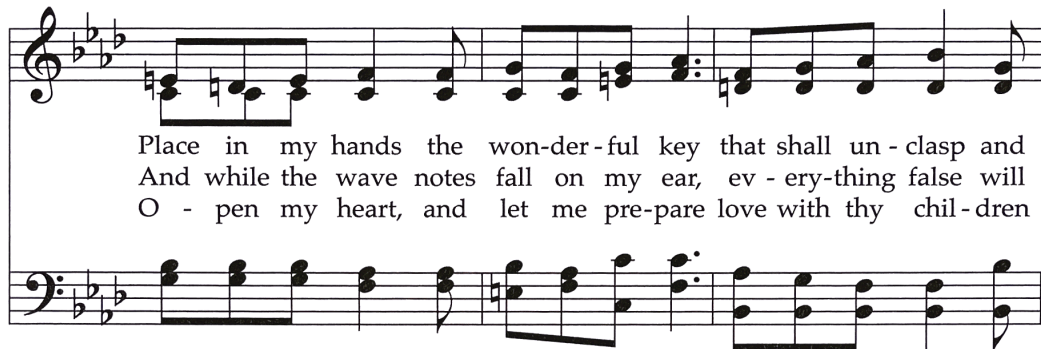
March Ushers: Justin Ingram, John Bowers, John Walker, Aaron Hull.

Greeter: Nancy Clark

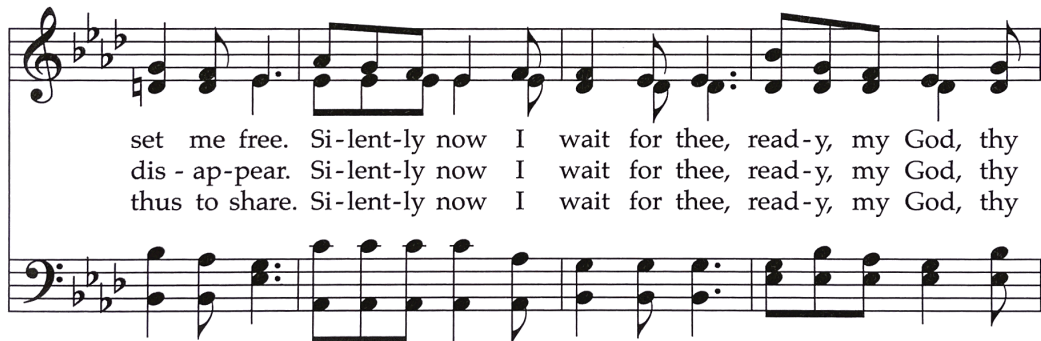
Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

Holy Lamb of God

602

Ya hamalallah

Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 Ya ha - ma - lah al - ha - mel kha - ta - yal

sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.
 'a - lam: ir - ham - na.

Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 Ya ha - ma - lah al - ha - mel kha - ta - yal

sin of the world. ♪ Grant us your peace; ♪
 'a - lam: im - nah - nas - sa - lam, im -

grant us your peace; ♪ grant us your peace.
 nah - nas - sa - lam, im - nah - nas - sa - lam.

Christ Be Beside Me

702

1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on

hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that

low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie

MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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AMAZING GRACE

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