



seeking:
Who sinned?



**Trinity Presbyterian Church
Arlington, Virginia**

**Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, March 15, 2026**

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Worshipping in Calvin Hall

9:00 AM



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Welcome.

We are glad that you are here.

As an inclusive community of faith, we welcome you just as you are.

We celebrate that God's love and grace extends to all, and affirm that each person has sacred worth.

So take a moment.

Breathe.

This service is recorded. Those in the first three rows in the center section might be visible on camera.

Gathering Music

I Know the Lord Has Laid His Hands on Me

Spiritual

Opening Prayer

Song

Your Grace is Enough

Matt Maher

Welcome & Announcements

Please take this time to sign and pass the red Friendship Pad.

Children's Message

Children are invited to attend Godly Play after the message or to remain in the sanctuary during worship.

Blessing of the Children

All: You are God's beloved child; with you God is well pleased.

Greeting Time

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

NRSVUE

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. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

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?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that, though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

Sermon

Seeking: Who Sinned?

Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt, Pastor

Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Invitation to Stewardship

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Offertory

Chain Breaker

Smith, Fieldes, Williams

Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe in a merciful God,
a God who does not keep score,
a God who wants good for us.
We believe in a creative God,
a God who would heal with mud,
a God capable of seeing what we cannot.
We believe in a saving God,
a God who heals,
a God who greets our questions with patience,
a God who sends us out with hope in our step.
What wondrous love is this. Amen.

Song

Marvelous Light

Charlie Hall

Benediction

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Song Lyrics

I Know the Lord Has Laid His Hands on Me

Chorus

I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.
I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.

Chorus

Verse 1

Did ever you see the like before?
I know the Lord laid his hands on me,
King Jesus preaching to the poor.
I know the Lord laid his hands on me.

Chorus

Verse 2

Well, wasn't that a mighty day,
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.
When Jesus washed my sins away?
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.

Chorus

Verse 3

Down in the valley one day to pray,
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.
My soul got happy and I stayed all day.
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.

Chorus

Verse 4

My Lord has done just what he said,
I know the Lord laid his hands on me,
He healed the sick and raised the dead.
I know the Lord laid his hands on me.

Chorus 2

I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.
I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.

I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.

Your Grace Is Enough

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart.

Pre-Chorus

So, remember Your people.
Remember Your children.
Remember Your promise O God.

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Yeah, Your grace is enough.
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing Your grace is enough.
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Chorus

Verse

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

Chorus

Chorus

Verse

Verse

Verse

Verse

Bridge

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You
[Repeat 4 more times]

Chain Breaker

Verse 1

If you've been walking the same old road
For miles and miles,
If you've been hearing the same old voice
Tell the same old lies,
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside,
There's a better life. There's a better life.

Chorus

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker.
If you feel lost, He's a way maker.
If you need freedom or saving,
He's a prison shaking Savior.
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker.

Verse 2

We've all searched for the light of day
In the dead of night.
We've all found ourselves worn out
From the same old fight.
We've all run to things we know just ain't right
When there's a better life. There's a better life.

Chorus

Bridge

If you believe it, If you receive it, If you can feel it,
Somebody testify.

Bridge

Bridge

Chorus

Ending

Oh if you need freedom or saving,
He's a prison shaking Savior.
If you got chains well He's a chain breaker

Marvelous Light

Chorus

Into marvelous light I'm running
Out of darkness out of shame.
Through the cross You are the truth,
You are the life, You are the way.

Verse 1

I once was fatherless,
A stranger with no hope.
Your kindness wakened me,
Wakened me from my sleep.
Your love it beckons deeply,
A call to come and die.
By grace now I will come
And take this life take Your life.

Pre-Chorus

Sin has lost its power.
Death has lost its sting.
From the grave You've risen
Victoriously.

Chorus**Verse 2**

My dead heart now is beating.
My deepest stains now clean.
Your breath fills up my lungs.
Now I'm free. Now I'm free.
My dead heart now is beating.
My deepest stains now clean.
Your breath fills up my lungs.
Now I'm free Now I'm free.

Pre-Chorus**Chorus****Chorus**

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Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for the following friends and families of Trinity

Joys:

Lucy Driskill and her friend Sarah Watchman are on a six-month hike of the Appalachian Trail. We will keep the congregation posted on their journey.

Concerns:

- + Prayers for **Steven Lee**, the husband of **Kevin and Yvonne McIntire's** niece **Elizabeth**, who is having surgery.
- + Prayers for Sean Long and for all our military personnel currently on deployment in the Middle East and beyond.
- + Prayers for the family and friends of **Ralph Papke**, grandfather of **Carolyn and Chad Papke**, who passed away on February 27 in Illinois.
- + Prayers for **Beth Geiseman**, recovering after surgery for breast cancer and anticipating a second surgery.
- + Prayers for **Paul Sullivan**, who has stopped cancer treatments and is in palliative care at home.
- + Prayers for **Laura Mendelson**, mother of **Ellen Cathopoulos**, recovering from breast cancer surgery.
- + Prayers for **Ansley Calhoun** following surgery for a broken leg.
- + Prayers for the family and friends of **Alec Gibson**, who passed away on February 26.
- + Prayers for relatives of **Randy Benn - Martie** (cancer), **Doug** (cancer), and **Jennifer** (bone infection).
- + Prayers for **Rita Hadley**, wife of **Ken Hadley**, recovering from a concussion.
- + Prayers for **Jean Chubb**, mother of **Nathan Chubb**, battling pancreatic cancer and undergoing chemo.
- + Prayers for **Cathy**, a friend of **Pastor Judith**, in treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- + Prayers for **Theresa Dike**, a colleague of Clay Guthridge, who is recovering from a cerebral event. Theresa is walking and regaining some speech.
- + Prayers for those who are managing the needs of both children and aging parents.
- + Prayers for **Marilyn Brookens**, who is in Iowa in a memory care facility. Please send all correspondence to: Marilyn Brookens, c/o Alan Ostergren, 2506 7th Ave. Ct. SW, Altoona, IA 50009.
- + Prayers for love, stamina, and moments of joy for all who are caregivers and for those they care for.
- + Prayers for those in difficult family relationships: for mutual love, compassion, and understanding.
- + **Bill Plitt**, in treatment for multiple myeloma.
- + **Rowan Smith**, three-year-old great-nephew of **Laurie Setzer**, with cancer. Please pray for strength as cancer spots were recently found on his brain, and the doctors have given him 3-6 months to live.
- + **Jason Ferguson**, brother of **Janae Ferguson**, has a recurrence of cancer. Pray for another remission.
- + **Barry Schneider**, **Troy Schneider's** uncle, has ALS.
- + **Jackie Alling**, living at Vitality Assisted Living.
- + **Lani**, **Nene Pisigan's** cousin, and the mom of two young children, has a recurrence of cancer.
- + **Nene Pisigan's** parents in the Philippines are with long-term illness and financial hardship.
- + **Ron Shimabukuro**, friend of **Yvonne McIntire**, is recovering at home.
- + **Brooks Bare**, for strength, comfort, healing, and patience during his incarceration.
- + Prayers for those whose family members have died in ICE custody or during immigration enforcement actions.
- + Prayers for our country, that people who disagree can choose respectful and non-violent means of protest.
- + Immigrants and refugees all over the world are displaced by war, violence, poverty, and natural disasters.
- + Prayers for the innocent victims of war. We mourn with those whose children were killed in Iran.
- + We pray for a lasting peace in Israel and Palestine and for the day when the people living in Israel and Palestine can live together without hostility, oppression, or fear.
- + **Fakhira Haloun**, a Palestinian Israeli and friend of **Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe**, and for all living through the trauma of the ongoing violence in Gaza and the wider region.
- + **Daoud and Jihan Nassar**, for safety and to retain ownership of their land in the West Bank.
- + For peace in Ukraine and an end to the Russian invasion of Ukrainian regions.
- + Genocide in Sudan and the conflict in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.
- + Prayers for wisdom for our leaders as they handle the situations in Venezuela and Cuba, and for the people who live there.

Trinity Presbyterian Church helps sponsor the missionary work of those who serve in the international field. We are currently supporting **Mark Adams** and **Miriam Maldonado** (husband and wife) on the US/Mexico border, and we continue to seek new ecumenical global partners to support as the PCUSA has shifted its model for international engagement.