*Trinity United Methodist Church*

March 19, 2023 8:30 and 10:30am DIGITAL WORSHIP BULLETIN

Rev. David S. Vallelunga, Pastor; Kathy Eckart, Guest Organist; Caroline Fairchild, Fiddler;

Maggie Banes, Liturgist; Christina Wong, Zoomologist

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

CELTIC SUNDAY

PRELUDE *Planxty Fanny Power / Far from Home*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

CALL TO WORSHIP *sung to PASSION CHORALE*

**Today we hear the story, a man was blind from birth,**

**and Jesus, with compassion, restores his sight and worth!**

**but healing on the Sabbath enrages Pharisees,**

**and drives resentment deeper in those who will not see…**

**With praying, and with singing of solemn songs of praise,**

**our deepest needs we’re bringing, our gratitude we raise.**

**Our thoughts and our petitions this day are heaven-sent,**

**and seeking their fruition, we’ll keep a holy Lent.**

THE GOSPEL BEGINS John 9: 1-9 Liturgist

HYMN # 451 “Be Thou My Vision”

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;**

**naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,**

**waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US (10:30) Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER *(Following the prayer, the children may leave for Sunday School.)*

THE GOSPEL CONTINUES John 9: 10-16 Liturgist

MUSICAL INSPIRATION *Gentle Maiden*

THE GOSPEL CONTINUES John 9: 17-27 Liturgist

A TIME OF SONG AND PRAYER # 454 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

**Open my eyes, that I may see, glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

*Come we this day to the Father, come we this day to the Son, come we to the Holy Spirit Powerful; God, and spirit, and Jesus, from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet; bless, sanctify, purify, and save us, O Lord of our heart. Amen.*

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

*God in my life, God in my lips, God in my hands, God in my heart.  
God in my sufficing, God in my slumber, God in mine ever living soul, God in mine eternity. Amen.*

**Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

THE GOSPEL CONTINUES John 9: 28-34 Liturgist

MUSICAL INSPIRATION *The Fairies Hornpipe*

THE GOSPEL CONCLUDES John 9: 35-41 Liturgist

HOMILY “Seeing Sin and Salvation” Pastor Dave

LENTEN DOXOLOGY and BLESSING OF THE GIFTS Liturgist

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

CLOSING HYMN “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” (insert)

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.**

\*BLESSING *Be with me, O Lord; God in my seeing, God in my hearing, God to enfold me, God to surround me, God in my speaking, God in my thinking. God in my sleeping, God in my waking, God in my watching, God in my hoping. Amen.*

\*POSTLUDE *Britches Full of Stitches / Mairi’s Wedding*