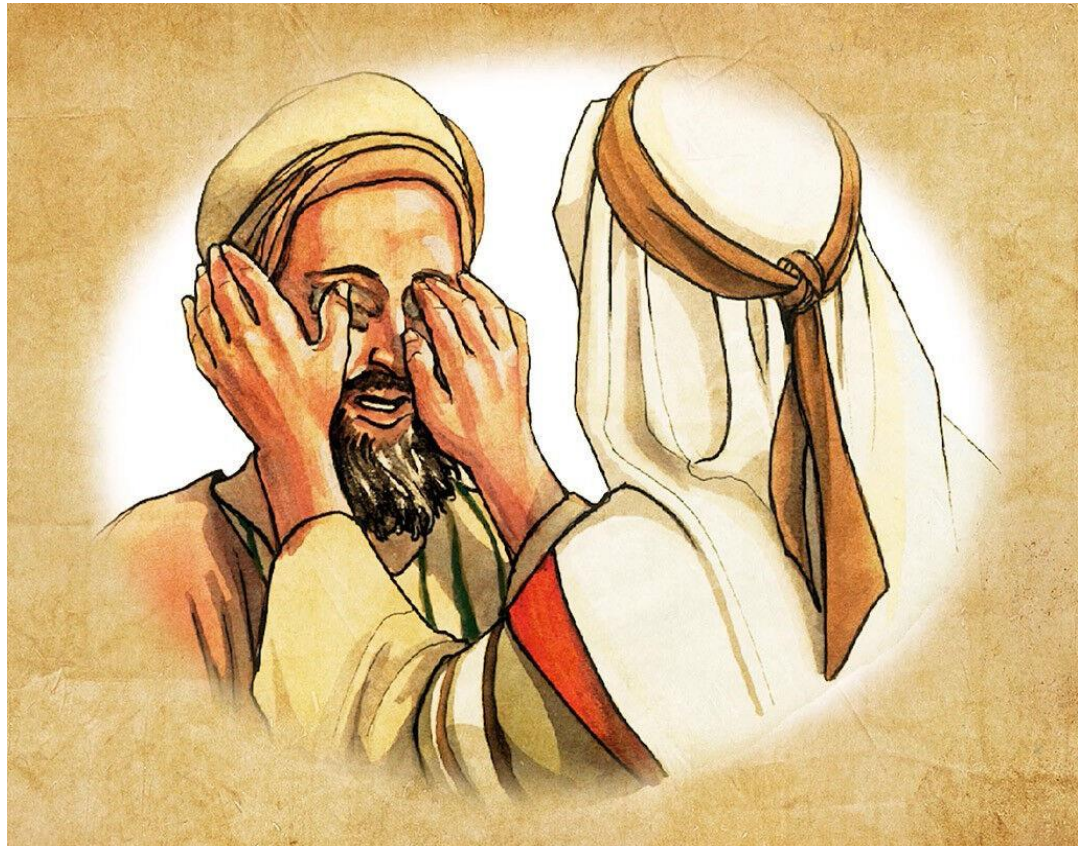


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*Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind*

Wearing a Mask is Optional

Welcome to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church.  
We are happy to have you worship with us.

Here are a few tips to help you participate:

“\*” Invites all who are able to stand.

**Bold type invites reading or singing by the congregation.**

*Italic type invites silent reading by the congregation.*

Large print hymnals are available from the usher.

Please return hymnals after the service.

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

## Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME AND THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95: 1-2, 7

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.**

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Let us lift our voices in song to God.

\*HYMN #628

"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...and to love as you loved us. **Amen.**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*singing*) #423

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Psalm 51

*Silence for personal confession.* All God's people say **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Psalm 23 we are assured that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive his goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## *Listening to the Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-11

**9** As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. **2** His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" **3** "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. **4** As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. **5** While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." **6** After saying this, he spit on the

ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. <sup>8</sup> His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup> "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. <sup>11</sup> He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Unbelievable"

The Rev. Dr. Ravi Isaiah

## ***Responding to God***

\*HYMN #852

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 on 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**

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.

## ***Going Forth to Serve***

\*HYMN #826

"Lift High the Cross"

\*BENEDICTION

May the love of God pursue you, the light of Christ enfold you, and the Holy Spirit keep you this day and every day. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"O Worship the King"  
*Please be seated*

Arr. Lloyd Larson

## *Church Notes*

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Liturgist: Ken Schmidt  
Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ravi Isaiah  
Music Director: Marilyn Padon  
Organist: Pam Ferrell

**YOU SHALL BE CALLED REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH** booklet is available for you to read. One Great Hour of Sharing special offerings provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

### **PRAYER CLINIC OFFERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE**

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis will be teaching a prayer clinic today in the Parlor. We hope to see you there.

### **PLAN NOW TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR LENTEN/EASTER SERVICES**

Palm Sunday- April 2 - Worship Service at 10 AM  
Good Friday - April 7 - Worship Service at noon  
Easter - April 9 - Flowering of the Cross and Worship Service at 10 AM

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM THE CONGREGATION**

If you would like to share a Joy or Concern, we would like to hear it. In order to hear it, please raise your hand, and a microphone will be brought to you.

**DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** If you need a ride to church, please call Ken Schmidt at 304-768-8565 (home), or 304-881-2408 (cell). Both numbers can record a message.

**CAN YOU PROVIDE RIDES TO CHURCH?** If you can provide rides to church, please call Ken Schmidt at 304-768-8565 (home), or 304-881-2408 (cell). Both numbers can record a message.

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

A restroom is located in the parlor across from the sanctuary. It is handicap accessible. Additional restrooms are located downstairs and near the nursery.

# Prayer List

To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,  
please call the church office (768-4141) or email [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com)

## Prayers of Joy

### Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Stephani Andrews	Judy Hardin	Jackie Pauley*
Merrily Bailey	Tre' Hardin	Jackson Rice
Ethel Barker	Walter Hardin	Ritchie Rutledge
Jennifer Fisher Braden	Brad Harkins	Wanda Rybolt
Keyleigh Caruthers	Willie Haynes	Kevin Shaffer
Erin "Nikki" Childers	Amy Jo Hickey	Bradley Smith
John Dlugog	Ravi Isaiah	Michelle Smith
Lois Downey	MacIntyre family	Steve Smith
Tory Fenniger	Carl McCormick	Ike Taylor
Bogan "Danny" Gumowski	Mike McDougle	Lauren Thomas
Margie Gumowski's unnamed friend	Bob Miller	Johnny Witt
Adilynn Hardin	Paula Miller	
	Joy Ratcliff Parsons	

Prayers for the people in the United States (especially on the West Coast and East Coast) who are being affected by the unpredictable weather due to climate change.

The continuing invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Prayers for both the Ukrainian and Russian people.

Prayers for the victims of the gun violence that is plaguing the United States.

Victims of COVID, flu and RSV.

### Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop
Jeff Barker	Evan Chaney

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

### Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers - Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit

**Prayers for those at home** – Ben and Donie Argento, Day and Gene Bishop, Bonnie Cheely, Barbara Clark, Jackie Pauley; Anita Wehrmann, Dunbar Towers Apartments

**Prayer List for Churches:** Mill Creek Presbyterian Church; Second Presbyterian Church, Huntington; Kiho Church (Kay-HOR'Rah); Giakanja Parish (Gie-uh-KAH'juh)

\*Added to Prayer List this week

WE ARE  
**called** TO PROCLAIM  
THE GOOD NEWS  
OF THE LORD, OUR GOD;

WE ARE  
**challenged** TO FOLLOW  
THE EXAMPLE OF  
JESUS CHRIST;

AND WE ARE  
**charged** TO PROVIDE  
FELLOWSHIP  
WHERE ALL CAN FIND  
RENEWAL AND FULFILLMENT  
THROUGH THE WORK OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Mission Statement for  
Rock Lake Presbyterian Church