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#### ***Worship Staff***

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor  
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Mrs. Elise Helms, Interim Choir Director*

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Vicar Justin Marx, Intern  
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## Self-Directed Worship Fourth Week in Lent

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. -2 Corinthians 1:2-4*

### Prayer of the Day

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Readings

Psalm 23

*You anoint my head with oil.*

1The Lord| is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

2The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.

3You restore my | soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

4Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

5You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.

John 9:1-41

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

1As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.

4We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes,

7saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8The 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?"

9Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."

10But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11He 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.” 12They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” 13They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15Then 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.” 16Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. 17So 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.” 18The 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 19and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” 20His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21but 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.” 22His 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. 23Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” 24So 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.” 25He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” 26They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” 27He 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?” 28Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” 30The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. 32Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” 34They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. 35Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” 37Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” 38He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. 39Jesus 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.” 40Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” 41Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

### **Reflection**

The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. “I was blind, now I see,” declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God’s beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

For reflection: Sin is everywhere, but Jesus assures us that illness and disability are just part of life, not divine punishment. More than that, Jesus enters into our afflictions to offer comfort and healing. Where do you need healing today? Spend a few minutes in prayer for those who are suffering in your life.

In baptism, God claims us for his own and invites us into a life that is centered on that truth. From that moment on, our understanding of who we are to be in our relationships with one another are forever changed and informed by our relationship with God. Where is Jesus clearing your vision with regards to your faith, your family, and your life as a child of God?

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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.\* On the third day he rose again; 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.

### **Psalm 88**

O Lord, I cry to you for help. In the morning my prayer comes before you.  
Give me the joy of your saving help again, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.  
Let my mouth be full of your praise and your glory all the day long.  
Every day will I bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.  
Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
He redeems my life from the grave, and crowns me with mercy and lovingkindness.  
Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you.

### **Prayer**

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

### **Blessing**

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ☩ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. Amen.

**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Mike Buchanan, Paul Carter, Robert Cromer Jr., Michael Frye, Michael Gayden, Rue Jeffcoat, JoAnn Jones, Janice Livingston, Bobby Long, Becca McQuillen, Hampton Miller Jr., Mary Caroline Owen, Michael Price, Lucy Scarborough, Alice South, Pierce Taylor, Jilda Ward, Evan Wise.*

**This Week's Prayer Concerns:**

Carolyn Creasman, Robert Cromer, Ray Conrad.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Brenda Smith, Alice Pollock, Penny Timmerman, David Mellichamp, Lucky Jones, Gene Sexton, Dottie Ford, Rachel Bundrick, Pete Davis, Mary Hamson, Jennifer Brazzell, Betty Wise, Hazel Rauch, Matthew Hook, Elise Harmon, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Faye Smith, Lisa Long.

**Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:**

Nancy Reed, Carlie Hernandez, Maida Jean League, Debra Knotts, Father Marcin Zahuta, Tara Tygrett, Scott & Margean Stein, Wilbur Smith, Chuck Burns, Walter Brown, Murray Hoskins, Linda Goodson, Samantha Hustus, Gregg Avedisian, Tommy Roof, Isabelle Sundlie, Bill Hunnicutt.

**Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:**

Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Mike Willhide, Scott Hash, John Post, Dallas Phillips.

**Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:**

Tom Bryant, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, Adam Mintz, David Mathews, Bernd Koehler, John Ward.

**The Family Of:**

Pamela Shumpert, Melton "Bub" Bundrick, Terry Tucker, J.R. Grubbs, Carolyn Sox, Margot Gainey.

***Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.***

### *Budget Information*

<b>OFFERINGS: Budgeted for 2020</b>	713,981.00
I. Weekly Offering needed weekly to meet Budget	13,730.40
Offering Received for March 15	9,899.43
II. 2020 Budget Giving (March 15 - week 11 of 52)	
Offering Needed for Budget	151,034.40
Offering Received	121,807.56
YTD Expense	122,662.02
<b>Capital Campaign Total</b>	247,864.94
Memorials/Donations/Pledges/Transfers/Interest	0.00
Capital Campaign Balance as of March 15, 2020	247,864.94
<b>Easter Offering YTD Total</b>	3,711.99

