



Starkville Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)

March 19, 2023

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent

*Order of Worship*

Prelude *Thy Word Is A Lamp unto My Feet* THY WORD

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

+Call to Worship

One: We come to sanctify ourselves.

**All: We come seeking to be worthy of our call.**

One: The Lord looks not at our outward selves,

**All: but seeks to know what is in our hearts.**

One: Let us learn what is pleasing to the Lord,

**All: that we might live as children of the Most High.**

+Opening Hymn #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

+Call to Confession

One: How do we know when our actions are right?

**All: When the fruits of our labors are good and true.**

One: Christ is the light that exposes all we keep hidden, but offers us healing and renewal instead of judgment. Therefore, let us hold up our sins to Christ's gaze.

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

**God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what You are doing in the world. We want You to act in ways we predict, but we forget: You do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize Your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of Your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to Your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world Your love and grace.**

(Moment of Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

One: Jesus restores our souls and leads us in right paths for his name's sake.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

Offering  
Offertory *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

+Doxology #606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Joseph Linn

Prayer of Illumination

+Scripture Reading John 9:1-41 (Pew Bible, p. 102)

+Affirmation of Faith (Printed sheet in hymnal rack) The Apostle's Creed

+Gloria Patri #581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

Sermon "Born Blind" Rev. Ron McDougald

Prayer of the People and Lord's Prayer (**debts, debtors**)

+Sending Hymn #377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON  
Verses 1 & 3

+Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom* MERLE'S TUNE

+Postlude *Dream On, Dream On* DREAM ON

**+ Stand if you are able**

**WELCOME** to Starkville Presbyterian Church. We are grateful for your presence in worship this morning.

**PRAYER LIST.** Please keep the following in your prayers.

Beth Cranford

Family of Rev. Don Howie (brother of Rev. Wil Howie)

Liv McDougald (Ron's mom hospitalized)

Karl Podrebarac

Bill Swoop

Additional prayer concerns are listed in the Prayer Journal found in the Swoope Room.

If you would like to add a request or remove one from the list, please contact Nancy Bryson (324-6320 or [nancybryson68@gmail.com](mailto:nancybryson68@gmail.com)) or Rev. Ron McDougald (601-942-8040 or [chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com](mailto:chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com))

**ELDER OF THE MONTH.** The Elder of the Month for March is Nancy Bryson.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH.** Our monthly Fellowship Lunch is today. Please join us for a time of fellowship following the worship service.

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY.** Come join the discussion and fellowship on Wednesday's at 10:30 in the Swoope Room. This week we will be looking at John 11:1-45. Check with Ron for a Study Guide!

**CHOIR.** Choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

**CENTS-ABILITY (2¢-A-MEAL).** The Cents-Ability Offering and Food Drive will be collected next week, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Session**

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**CLASS of 2024**

Pat Colwick

Susan Kuykendall

**CLASS of 2025**

Nancy Bryson

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