

**\*\*HYMN of SENDING #341**      “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”  
**\*\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**  
RESPONSE                      “Part in Peace”                      Arthur  
**\*\*POSTLUDE**                      “Jesus Shall Reign”                      Hatton

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PASTOR: Rev. Bob Thomson  
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Wendy Dryden    ORGANIST: Eleanor Lane  
CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ashley Braisted  
SPECIAL MUSIC: 1st Five: Kevin Bohnenblust,  
Ernie and Melinda Brazzale, and Cori Cooper



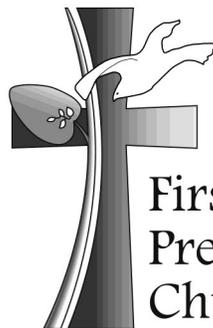
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**Church Mission Statement**  
As followers of Jesus Christ, under the authority of the Bible, our mission is:  
~ Glorifying and worshiping God  
~ Baptizing and strengthening disciples  
~ Loving and serving all people



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*Vibrant Worship,  
Vibrant Discipleship,  
Vibrant Service*

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March 19, 2023 ~ 10 :00 a.m.  
Worship Service Theme:  
**“Opening Blind Eyes”**  
*Purple: Symbolizes the  
Season of Preparation*

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**\*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.**

PRELUDE                      “A Lenten Chorale”                      Neumark

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING of the PEACE

***GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD***

INTROIT                      “Lead Me, Lord”                      Wesley

CALL to WORSHIP                      *Belinda Smith*

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

People: **With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: **Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: You made a covenant with us and established your kingdom for all generations. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF PRAISE - Unison

**O Lord, our God, you are always more ready to give us your good gifts than we are to seek them, and you are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek you that we may truly find, to ask that we may joyfully receive, and to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN of PRAISE #488**

**“The God of Abraham Praise”**

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**\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

God has instructed us to love God and to love our neighbors, but we have not lived in full obedience. Let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

**\*\*PRAYER of CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a weight of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.** (Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

**\*\*ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Hear these comforting words: If we repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, our sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*\*GLORIA PATRI #579**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

***LISTENING for the WORD of GOD***

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (Unison) *Belinda Smith*  
**Creator God, you revealed this life-giving Word. May your Holy Spirit, who first inspired these words of Scripture, shine your light and once again awaken us to the hearing and living of this radiant truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 146 (pg. 507)  
The Word of the Lord *Belinda Smith*  
**Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM "Here I Am, Lord" Schutte

NEW TESTAMENT John 9:1-13, 35-41 (pg. 871)

TIME for CHILDREN *Ashley Braisted*  
(Children may go upstairs for Sunday School.)

INTERPRETATION of the WORD  
"Opening Blind Eyes" *Rev. Bob Thomson*

***RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD***

**\*\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #383** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**\*\*CONFESSION of FAITH** Apostles' Creed - Traditional Version  
**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.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and the 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.**

RESPONSE "Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer" Mendelssohn

GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD:

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OFFERTORY "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Parker

**\*\*DOXOLOGY #592**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*\*PRAYER of DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**Lord, you give us everything that is good— our homes, our food, our families, and even our lives. All that we own and all that we are belong to you. Since you give us so much, we thank you by sharing our time, talents, and our money with others in need. Use these gifts to show your love to people throughout our world in Jesus' name. Amen.**