

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent                      March 19, 2023                      9:30 AM

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Gathering

Welcome

Procession

\*Call to Worship

One: Let us test and examine our ways and return to the Lord!

**All: God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

One: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord.

**All: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

\*Opening Hymn    "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"                      UMH 381

\*Opening Prayer

**Everlasting God, because of your tender mercy toward all people, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Special Music

Scripture Reading    Ephesians 5:8-14

\*Hymn                      "Open My Eyes, That I Might See"                      UMH 454

Scripture Reading    John 9:1-41

Sermon                      *The Blind Shall See*                      Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn    "I Ask Ye What Great Things I Know"                      UMH 163

\*Blessing and Benediction

\*Recessional Hymn

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Jean Reed is collecting prescription bottles of all sizes...

**We invite you to keep the following people in your prayers**

Joan Alsever, Tammy Baskaran, Bob Reed's cousin Lydia, Bruce Beckman, Chris Billings, Yvonne Boone family, Michael Brick, family of Michael Britt, **Richard Blood**, Roy Callahan, Csanady Family, Darlene Cushman's family, Family of Sheila Davis, Steve Dawson, Family of Bill Dietz, **family of Mary Edmundson**, Jessica Favret, Pat Finley, Family of Baby Graham Geschke, Lynn Gibbons, Brenda and Georges Guerrier, Anna Marie Hall, **Mark Hardy**, Rose Hatten, Ellie Hunter, family of Dean Jestes, Kurek family, Carol Levigne, Billy Lewis, Ed Massey, Henry Meyers, family of Kirk Miller, Craig Moore, Brian Morton, Gail Phillips Smith and Miles Smith, Theresa Schmitt and the Mullins children, Mark Poerttner, Family of Bob Quisenberry, Scott Robert, Dana Rosendahl, Family of Ed Scott, Julie Shachochis,

Pat Sievers, Bob Smith, Jill Spicher, Nancy Talbot, Sharon Truedel, Don Weinberg, Family of Harding Wescott, **David Whye**, Bud Whitehead, Jamie Whitehead, **family of Mary Francis Whitehead**, family of Reds Williams, Tom Wimsatt

**Long-term prayer concerns:** Karyn Brandel, Coolidge Family, Cunningham Family, Jerry Fowler, Karen Goles, Shirly Graham, Richard Giffin, Carrie Harrison, Robin Jones, Barbara Maury, Anna Catherine Miller, Michael Smith, Dustin Summers, Ryan Whitehead and his family, Tony Zile

**Thank you** to our Greeters and Ushers – Ron and Shannon Whitehead

**Thank you** to our Liturgist – Jim Deverin

**Bible Study Opportunities**

- Sunday School – following the service at Emory
- 10 AM Monday at Gary Memorial – He Took the Nails
- 10 AM Tuesday at Emory – The Last Days of Jesus
- 6:30 PM Tuesday at Gary Memorial – He Took the Nails

**Mission Outreach:** The homeless shelter on Route 1 is in need of men's jeans - waist size 30" 31" and 32" in any length. Please bring any donations to the church and they will be delivered to those in need.