

Sunday, March 8, 2020  
9:00 AM Worship

**Prelude**

*Elegy*

James Biery

## Celebrating God's Presence

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Emily Stockert

**Song**

*Forever Reign*

J. Ingram & R. Morgan

You are good You are good When there's nothing good in me  
You are love You are love On display for all to see  
You are light You are light When the darkness closes in  
You are hope You are hope You have covered all my sin  
  
You are peace You are peace When my fear is crippling  
You are true You are true Even in my wandering  
You are joy You are joy You're the reason that I sing  
You are life You are life In You death has lost its sting

*Chorus:* Oh, I'm running to Your arms I'm running to Your arms  
The riches of Your love will always be enough  
Nothing compares to Your embrace Light of the world forever reign  
  
You are more You are more Than my words will ever say  
You are Lord You are Lord All creation will proclaim  
You are here You are here In your presences I'm made whole  
You are God You are God Of all else I'm letting go  
*Repeat chorus.*

My heart will sing no other Name Jesus Jesus  
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*Repeat chorus two times.*

**Hymn**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Hymn #339

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Invitation to Confession**

Elaine Carlson

**Anthem**

*"Kyrie"* from Memorial

René Clausen

This anthem was written for the 3rd anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11/2001. The text "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy" is sung in Greek, English and Hebrew. Today it's being used as our prayer of confession.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

## Proclaiming God's Word

**Scripture**

John 9:1-25 (CEB)

Charles Stark

**Sermon**

**"Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind"**  
Jesus ~ Up Close and Personal Sermon Series

Rev. Emily Stockert

## Encouraging God's People

**Song**

*Healing is in Your Hands* Tomlin, Nockels, Carson, Redman

No mountain no valley, no gain or loss we know  
Could keep us from Your love.  
No sickness no secret, no chain is strong enough  
To keep us from Your love. To keep us from Your love.  
  
*Chorus.* How high, how wide, no matter where I am  
Healing is in Your hands. How deep, how strong  
Now by Your grace I stand. Healing is in Your hands.

Our present, our future. Our past is in Your hands.  
We're covered by Your love. We're covered by Your love.  
  
In all things we know that we are more than conquerors.  
You keep us by Your love.  
In all things we know that we are more than conquerors.  
You keep us by Your love. You keep us by Your love.

## Morning Prayer 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.

## Offering

Offertory *Meditation on Psalm 121* Arr. Allan Gaston

## Doxology

Prayer of Dedication Elaine Carlson

## Serving God's World

Hymn *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* Hymn #280

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

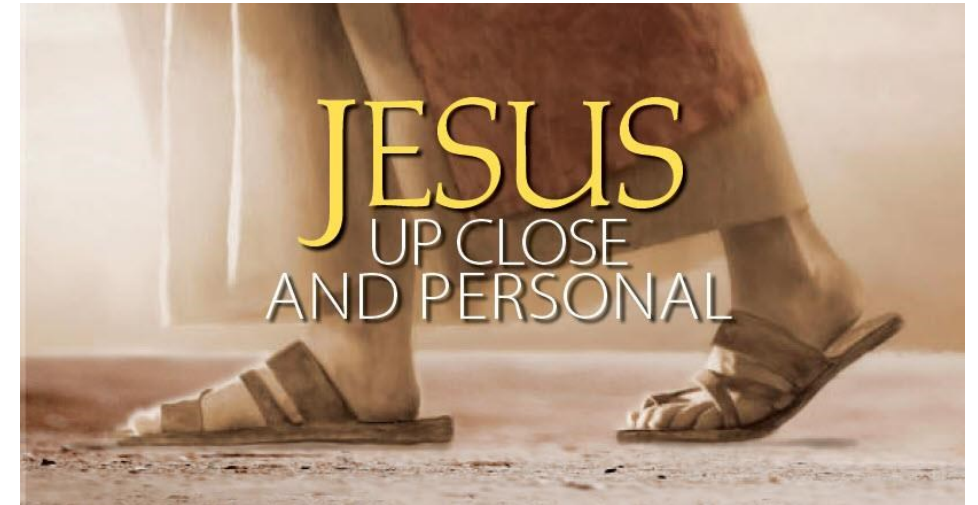
The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

## Benediction

Postlude *Tocatta in Dorian Mode (BWW 538)* J. S. Bach

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church



2020 Winter, Lent, & Easter Sermon Series

Good morning and welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We gather to celebrate the presence of the living God. We are so glad that you have chosen to join us. We believe church is so much more than a building or even a single service, it is about being part of the community of God together.

It is our hope that you will be able to relax, worship God, and know you are among friends. No one here is perfect, we are all on the same journey! In the pew racks, please find a welcome card. We invite you to fill it out and place it in the offering or give to an usher. If you have questions, please ask at the Connect Center.

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Dale Flowers, Pastor