

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 22, 2020 - 10:30 a.m. - 4th Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Adagio Espressivo* - J. B. Cramer
INTROIT *Thou Goest to Jerusalem Pt. 3* - M. Franck
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN *O holy Dove of God descending* No. 392
A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS
OPENING PRAYER
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON
PEACE OF CHRIST
ANTHEM / SPECIAL MUSIC

WORD

JOHN 9: 1-41
SERMON: ENLIGHTENMENT

RESPONSE

REFLECTION
HYMN *Arise, your light is come* No. 712
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
OFFERINGS *O Give Me the Comfort of Thy Help* - J. Barnby

SENDING

HYMN *Brother, sister, let me serve you* No. 635
BLESSING
POSTLUDE *March* No. 56 - G. F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

God provides for every need

**guidance in right paths,
presence in darkest valleys,
nourishment beyond measure.**

God shines light on the world in Jesus

**opening eyes that are blind,
exposing prejudice and fear,
offering new understanding of life's good purpose.**

But we persist in our own ways

**judging by appearance,
denying others' experience,
hoarding what we can for ourselves.**

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous and merciful God;

We confess that we have not claimed the abundant life that you offer. We resist the fullness of your truth, taking up only those parts that fit in with our opinions. We demand proof of your presence and power over and over again. Afraid, we judge others harshly and fail to see your grace at work in their lives.

Help us discern your presence in the world more fully.

Open our eyes to your healing power and mercy.

Change our hearts so that we trust the gifts of Christ's love and light, for it is in his we offer our confession to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dear friends, while it is true that we have all sinned,

it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus

To all who humbly seek the mercy of God we say,

in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, accept these our gifts, we pray. Bless them and use them to bring peace to places of unrest, love to places of hatred, joy to places of fear, and hope to places of loss. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.