

Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



Worship for March 19, 2023

Worship for the Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023

Meditation (in preparation for worship)

"Ever since the time of Jesus, healing has been part of the Christian tradition. In this century it has usually been associated with religious quackery or the lunatic fringe, but as the psychosomatic dimension of disease has come to be taken more and more seriously by medical science it has regained some of its former respectability. How nice for God to have this support at last."

Frederick Buechner
in *Wishful Thinking*

"As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind."
John 9:1

"If we knew how to look at life through God's eyes, we would see it as innumerable tokens of the love of the creator seeking the love of [God's] creatures."

Michel Quoist
in *Prayers*

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! If you are new or visiting, please sign the guest pad in the pews so that we may get to know you better and send you our e-newsletter. Please join us for refreshments during our Fellowship Hour after the service.

**Please stand if you are able. Congregation reads responses in bold print.*

Sentence:

John 8:12

Maggie Reid

Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Let us worship God!

***Hymn #645** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* Bohemian Brethren

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God who made us to be mirrors of your goodness: in your presence we own up to our faults and failings - especially the fault of selfishness and the failure to love other people as much as we love ourselves. This is how cruelty starts, greed and envy, too. God, help us to stop these things instead of starting them. Show us ourselves as you see we are, but also as you see we might become. Show us our friends and our enemies as you see them. Show us Jesus as the source of our healing. May we stand corrected by him and forgiven for his sake.

Silent Prayer

A Time of Silence

[Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.]

Declaration of Pardon:

Luke 7: 37-38a

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

Through Christ God restores us to faith, hope and love

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

*Passing the Peace

*Gloria (Hymn #583)

Glory to God

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Children's Conversation:

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

(Students and teacher leave for class)

Scripture:

John 9: 1-25

Maggie Reid

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

***Hymn #649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (v.1-3)

A Few Words about Scripture

Rev. Stuart Hayes

Offering

Anthem

My Shepherd will Supply my Need

Hughes

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Please use the microphones when making announcements. We want to include those sharing our worship through our live stream. Speaking from the floor without a mic (no matter how strong your voice) is blank airspace on the live stream. The microphone should be held up to the face, 6-12 inches from the mouth.

Moment for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Gary Quirk

Joys and Concerns

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn #619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Goss

Benediction

Postlude



Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!

If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship meaningful and our fellowship inviting.

*Please reach out to Pastor Stuart or
Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.*

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Please keep in your prayers this week

- ❖ We pray for Janet Terwilliger's cousin Judith as she recovers from surgery.
- ❖ We pray for Ron Cavanaugh as he recovers from his recent surgery.
- ❖ We pray for Cecelia who entered hospice care this week. She is a cousin of Charlotte and Mary Elizabeth Haas.
- ❖ We pray for the earthquake victims and the relief effort teams in Syria and Turkey.
- ❖ We pray for all caregivers.
- ❖ We pray for New Jerusalem and Eastern Farmworkers as they assist those in need in our communities.
- ❖ We pray for the victims of floods and storms throughout the world.
- ❖ We pray for all those experiencing famine throughout the world.
- ❖ We continue to pray for the people who are the victims of war and oppression throughout the world.
- ❖ We pray for this country; may it find peace from all the discord.
- ❖ We pray for the Elders and Deacons of this church.
- ❖ We pray for the PNC.

Announcements

Sunday Forum will meet today following worship, continuing our exploration of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability.

Flora Nyland's memorial service will be held Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 pm.



The Week at Pebble Hill 03/19-03/25

Sunday	11:15 am	Environmental Stewardship – Forum
Monday	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	5:00 pm	PHPC Women’s Dinner – King David’s
	6:00 pm	PNC – Forum
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts – NR
	6:00 pm	Session – Forum
	6:30 pm	Syracuse Chorale – FH
Wednesday	10:00 am	Morning Circle – Lounge
	2:00 pm	Afternoon Circle – Lounge
Thursday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	11:30 am	Book club –
	4:00 pm	Commons
	5:00 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	6:30 pm	Salt City Ukulele practice – FH
Friday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	10:30 am	Pastor’s Gathering – Lounge
Saturday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR

Thank you to today's ministry assistants:
Cindi and Mark Ferguson - Ushers

REV. STUART HAYES – BRIDGE PASTOR
BETTE KAHLER – DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
MAGGIE REID - LITURGIST

THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIVE STREAMING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE.

