

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Lois Macfarlane

Flowers given by: Karen & George Curtis

"For the Glory of the Lord"

Elders and Deacons Needed to help serve communion! We need to get an updated list of those who are Elders and Deacons in the church who would be willing to serve communion during the year, on the first Sunday of each month. I try not to use anyone every month, but lately that has been happening. Most don't mind, but it is nice to let all who want to serve, to be able to do so. Please, email me or call me, at keanne@cox.net or 520-203-8497 to be put on the list. Thank you. Lee Ann Cathoun

Photo Directory: Please make your appointment for a photo session TODAY! Our photographers will be here for the next few weeks and appointment times are filling-up. Just go to the church's website and click on the picture with people's faces to connect to the Lifetouch system. Or, call Lifetouch directly at 1-866-756-0281. Or, the Directory will be open following worship services on Sunday. We can't wait to see you!

VISIT YOUTH ON THEIR OWN CANCELLED! The tour of YOTO on Monday, March 23 and YOTO CARD MAKING at church on Wednesday, March 25 are cancelled.

Check out our weekly classes

Sundays: *Forming Your Faith*
8:30 a.m. in Classroom 5

The Way: 3 Classes Offered Each Week

(La Posada Cancelled)
Check the Valley Voice for dates and times.

Lenten Taizés:

This Wednesday, 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR CANCELLATIONS!

Lockdown

Yes there is fear. Yes there is isolation. Yes there is panic buying. Yes there is sickness. Yes there is even death.

But---

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise you can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet the sky is no longer thick with fumes but blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi people are singing to each other across the empty squares, keeping their windows open so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know is busy spreading filters with her number through the neighbourhood

So that the elders may have someone to call on. Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting. All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way.

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality. To how big we really are. To how little control we really have. To what really matters. To Love.

So we pray and we remember that Yes there is fear. But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation. But there does not have to be loneliness. Yes there is panic buying. But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness. But there does not have to be disease of the soul. Yes there is even death. But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now. Today, breathe. Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic. The birds are singing again.

The sky is clearing, Spring is coming. And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul. And though you may not be able to touch across the empty square, Sing.

Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM



To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.

March 22, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Gracious God, on this Lenten journey, meet us in our fears and joys alike and sustain us in our weakness. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that these 40 days might become for us a journey that renews our hope, strengthens our faith and prepares us for the agony of the cross as well as the new life of resurrection. Amen.

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Pastor Craig
Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Bob Campbell

POURING OF THE WATER

L: Jesus is the Living Water. **P: Praise be to God.**

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* Hinc

Flute: Jamie Reed

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

P: May Christ give us the light that we may awaken to his truth.

L: Walk as children of light as you pursue what is good, right and true.

P: May Christ give us the light that we may awaken to his truth.

L: Take part in works of light and learn what is pleasing to God.

P: May Christ give us the light that we may awaken to his truth.

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Open My Eyes, Thar I May See

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, source of all the good that we can ever know, forgive us. We are ashamed to discover in ourselves the seeds of meanness, envy, hatred and prejudice. Prepare us for the healing that you offer our troubled spirits. Grant that we may also find the seeds of kindness, love, fellowship and peace within ourselves. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has come among us, opening the eyes of the blind, bringing light to those who have walked in darkness. The miracle of Christ's transforming presence is offered to you this day. Receive the gift and walk in the light. Amen.

✦ GLORIA

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.

Gloria Patri
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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. Amen.

CHILDRENS MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-41

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.* People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Recognizing the Works of God* Pastor Diane

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* 35

✦ HYMN *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (vs. 1-3) 314

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *There Is a Balm in Gilead* Soloist: Jeff McCame

✦ DOXOLOGY 606

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

✦ HYMN *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* (vs. 1-4) 687

✦ BENEEDICTION

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: Recognizing the Work of God

Scripture: John 9:1-41

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

¹⁰"How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

¹¹He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

¹²"Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided. ¹⁷Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. ¹⁹"Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

²⁰"We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. ²¹But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³That was why his parents said, "He

is of age; ask him."

²⁴A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

²⁵He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know: I was blind but now I see!"

²⁶Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

²⁷He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

²⁸Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

³⁰The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. ³²Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

³⁴To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

³⁶"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

³⁸Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

⁴⁰Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

⁴¹Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."

	VP Financial / Attendance Metrics	Weekly Attendance	
Monthly Giving Support	February 2020	Through Week # 11	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 56,327	2020 Attendance	239
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 80,649	2019 Attendance	472
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 130,165	YTD 2020 Attendance	5272
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 156,713	YTD 2019 Attendance	4990

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