

Leander Presbyterian Church

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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God Calls Us Together

Prelude

Gathering and Call to Worship

From Isaiah 29

L. Stupefy yourselves and be in a stupor!

C. Blind yourselves and be blind!

L. Be drunk, but not from wine;

C. Stagger, but not from strong drink.

L. For the Lord has poured out upon you a spirit of deep sleep;

C. He has closed your eyes, you prophets, and covered your heads, you seers.

L. The Lord said: Because these people draw near with their mouths and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me,

C. And their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote;

L. So I will again do amazing things with this people, shocking and amazing.

C. The wisdom of their wise shall perish, and the discernment of the discerning shall be hidden.

L. On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a scroll,

All. And out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Red #380

*Prayer of Confession

From Isaiah 30

Go now, write it before them on a tablet. Inscribe it in a book so that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever. For they are a rebellious people, faithless children. They are children who will not hear the instruction of the Lord; who say to the seers:

"Do not see"; and to the prophets: "Do not prophesy to us what is right. Speak to us smooth things. Prophecy illusions. Leave the way. Turn aside from the path. Let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel: Because you reject this word, and put your trust in oppression and deceit, and rely on them; therefore this iniquity shall become for you like a break in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse, whose crash comes suddenly, in an instant. Its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly that among its fragments not a sherd is found for taking fire from the hearth, or dipping water out of the cistern.

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved. In quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Personal Silent Prayer of Confession . . . Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

Red #546

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 OT 259

Psalm Reading

Psalm 23 OT 501

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 5: 8-14 NT 194

Gospel Reading

John 9: 1-41 NT 102

Sermon

Reverend Robert McElwaine

So That the Blind Might See the Works of God

Our Response to God's Word

*Hymn of Discipleship

Amazing Grace

Red #275

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(Back of the Bulletin)

Invitation to Discipleship

Concerns & Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

*Doxology

Red #544

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Response

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Red #368

*Benediction

Postlude