



February 27, 2022
Transfiguration Sunday
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
The Man Born Blind

GATHERING

PRELUDE

(Repeat several times)

Sanctuary

Randy Scruggs

Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

+GATHERING SONG

Holy Time

Greg Evans

This is holy time, gathered together to worship you,
to love one another and as we pray,
and as we sing, and as we dance, and as we dream
Oh Lord I beg of you, just this one thing.

Won't you dance with me,
throughout the heavens and beyond the seas,
up on the mountain tops
Blow with the breeze, come carry me
Lord, won't you dance with me?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Ha la la la la

David Graham

refrain:

Ha la la la la le lu ja
Ha la la la la le lu ja
Ha la la la la le lu ja
Ha la la la la le lu ja!

1) Shake another hand, shake a hand next to ya,
Shake another hand as we sing this song.
Shake another hand, shake a hand next to ya,
Shake another hand as we sing, sing, sing, sing this song! (*refrain*)

2) fluff another tuff...
3) bump another rump...

ONE: Please be seated for our skit about confession and forgiveness.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

A skit.

+SONG OF MERCY

Mercy is Falling

David Ruis

Mercy is falling, is falling, is falling
Mercy is falling like a sweet spring rain
Mercy is falling, is falling all over me. (x2)

Hey-oh I receive your mercy
Hey-oh I receive your grace
Hey-oh I will dance forevermore. (x2)

Mercy is falling, is falling, is falling
Mercy is falling like a sweet spring rain
Mercy is falling, is falling all over me.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Let us pray so that we can remember all the privileges we have; to go to camp, to rejoice and sing, and to be here with each other. Let us spread the joyfulness of camp, even when we aren't close to a campfire.

MANY: AMEN

WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-34

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ 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, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ 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?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ 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." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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."

¹⁸ 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 ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ 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." ²² 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. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴ 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." ²⁵ He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

ONE: Jesus is the Light of the World.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

+SONG OF THE WORD

Amazing Grace on Solid Ground

melody and chords by
The Eagles

1) 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.

Refrain: And I've got a peaceful easy feel-ing
And I know you won't let me down
Cause I'm alllllll-ready standing on solid ground

2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! *refrain*

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

SERMON

Rev. Wayne Peterson

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
And make me love you as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay.
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Refrain:

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting.

Let all God's people say Amen. A-men!!

Let all God's people say Amen. A-men!!

Let all God's people shout Amen, Oh praise the Lord.

The youth, the youth, the youth are on fire!

We don't need the devil 'cuz the devil is a liar!

There ain't no party like the holy ghost party 'cuz the holy ghost party don't stop

(say what?)

There ain't no party like the holy ghost party 'cuz the holy ghost party don't stop

(word!)

+APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

**MANY: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day Jesus rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN**

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Light the Fire

Bill Maxwell

*As the music plays, please come forward
to write your prayers down and put them in the basket.*

1) I stand to praise You
But I fall on my knees
My spirit is willing
But my flesh is so weak.

Refrain:

Light the fire (Light the fire)
In my soul (In my weary soul)
Fan the flame (Fan the flame)

Make me whole (Make my spirit whole)
Lord, You know (Lord, You know)
Where I've been (Where I've been)
So light the fire in my heart again.

2) I feel Your arms around me
As the power of Your healing begins
Your spirit moves through me
Like a mighty rushing wind. *refrain*

ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

silence

We read aloud the prayers of the congregation.

ONE: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

MANY: AMEN

OFFERING

Walk in the Light

arr. Andre Thomas

+OFFERING PRAYER

ONE: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

MANY: AMEN

+PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. AMEN**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

"The Ball Skit"

+SENDING SONG

Be Bold, Be Strong

Morris Chapman

Oh be bold! (Be bold!)
Be strong! (Be strong!)
For the Lord thy God is with thee.
Be bold! (Be bold!)
Be strong! (Be strong!)
For the Lord thy God is with thee.

Be not afraid (sha na na na na)
Be not dismayed (sha na na na na)
Walk in faith and victory, come on!
Walk in faith and victory,
For the Lord, thy God, is with thee.

DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Light the Fire

Bill Maxwell

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Cantor

Lector

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2022

TODAY

9am worship

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John 9:1-34

Families are encouraged to have their children in worship, but the nursery is available if needed. It will be open but not staffed; please plan to supervise your own children inside.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR KJELL AND THE FERRIS FAMILY

Please join us on Sunday, March 6th for Pastor Kjell's final Sunday at Peace. We have a special morning planned for a loving send off to Pastor Kjell, Heidi, Eleanor, Iris and Lana Ferris. During the service we will lift up our gratitude for the ways that the Ferris's have significantly impacted our ministries at Peace.

Following worship we will have time for treats and an opportunity for members to share farewells and words of appreciation. There will be a basket for cards and notes.

REMEMBER YOU ARE DUST....

Join us for worship on Ash Wednesday as we begin our Lenten journey together.

Ash Wednesday, March 2

5:30 pm Peaceful Nights dinner - menu is chili & chicken noodle soup

6:30 pm worship in the Sanctuary with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

YOUTH PROGRAMMING - CALENDAR UPDATE

Sunday, February 27 - Regular lessons resume after worship - Sunday School, Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation.

Wednesday, March 2 - families are encouraged to bring their children for dinner and Ash Wednesday worship. Lenten programming will begin on March 9 (see graphic below).

YOGADEVOTION

Registration is open for the next Yogadevotion class that starts March 7. This will be an eight week series, the cost is \$72. The instructor will continue with the Zoom and in-person options.

Hello members and friends of Peace Lutheran Church!

I'm Pastor Paul Lutter, your new interim pastor. I am married to Jenny, who is Director of Faith Partnerships for Vanco. She's a lifelong resident of Plymouth. We have a daughter, Annika, who is a few days away from turning 7. We adopted her from Haiti 3.5 years ago. Annika attends the after school Spanish immersion program at Peace Lutheran, which is how Jenny and I were first introduced to your congregation. We are impressed by the ways you all are concerned about ministry and mission that includes the community around you. I'm so excited to serve alongside your congregation. I love to work with congregations in transition. I look forward to getting to know you, and to the ways we will discover what God is up to for your congregation. I will begin my ministry with you on Monday, March 28. We send our love to you, in Christ. Pastor Paul, Jenny, and Annika Lutter

Look forward to connecting soon.

Peace,
Pastor Paul

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Our Lenten book study will be *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. Groups will meet for 5 weeks during Lent starting the week of March 6. Small groups will meet in-person on Sunday morning after worship and Wednesday evening after dinner. An additional Zoom meeting will be held during the week. We have a few books (\$15) and study guides (\$5) available in the office. The book can be purchased on Amazon and the study guide is available online for free and a printed version is available for \$5. Go to our homepage at www.peaceofplymouth.org and click on "SIGN UP" to register. Links are there for the book and the study guide

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**FROM MARCH 9 - APRIL 6,
HERE'S WHAT WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WILL LOOK LIKE:**

Lent 2022	Sunday School	Pre-Confirmation	Confirmation	Adults
5:30-6:00pm	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)			
6:00pm	Music (Activity Room)	Music (Activity Room)	Music (Activity Room)	Clean up, Fellowship, and Board Games
6:30pm	ELW Evening Prayer Worship (Sanctuary)			
7:00-7:30pm	Games (Fellowship Hall)	Games (Fellowship Hall)	Games (Fellowship Hall)	"The Universal Christ" Small Groups
7:45-8:45pm			Adult Choir (Sanctuary) Adult Bells (Bell Room)	Adult Choir (Sanctuary) Adult Bells (Bell Room)