



“A Different Kind of Sight”

John 9:1-11

Sunday, March 10, 2019

11:00 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

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Thought for Today

“Unlike a lot of people, I don't feel powerless. I know I can do something. But anyone can do something, it's not about being special. It's about deciding to do it - to dive into work for peace and justice and care for everybody on the planet.” - Patch Adams

Prelude

“**Aus tiefer Not**” by J.S. Bach

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (#93)

*Responsive Call to Worship (Ephesians 5, John 9)

Leader: When the world is dark and full of hate, it is hard to see God.

People: Give us eyes to see, Lord.

Leader: When we cannot find our way,

People: Give us eyes to see, Lord.

Leader: When our vision is limited,

People: Give us eyes to see, Lord.

All: We come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind, and light into our darkness.

*Unison Prayer:

Gracious God, we are grateful for all that You have done for us, all that You are doing in us, and for all that You will do through us. Open our eyes to see Your presence among us, moving in powerful ways, brining healing and hope to people living in darkness. Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—ways that will change us and challenge us to become the people You created us to be. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen

Greeting & Announcements

If you are a guest with us today, please stop by the Welcome Center for a special gift as you leave the sanctuary. Look for the orange “Connect” banner.

Baptism

Nicholas Reed Fuller

Hymn of Prayer

Shine, Jesus, Shine (#319)

Prayers of the People

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Invitation To Give

You can give via credit card, debit card, or PayPal on our secure e-giving site give.dewittchurch.org on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(#34)

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-11 (GNT) (pp. 1091-2)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind. His disciples asked him, "Teacher, whose sin caused him to be born blind? Was it his own or his parents' sin?" Jesus answered, "His blindness has nothing to do with his sins or his parents' sins. He is blind so that God's power might be seen at work in him. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me; night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light for the world." After he said this, Jesus spat on the ground and made some mud with the spittle; he rubbed the mud on the man's eyes and told him, "Go and wash your face in the Pool of Siloam." (This name means "Sent.") So the man went, washed his face, and came back seeing. His neighbors, then, and the people who had seen him begging before this, asked, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "He is the one," but others said, "No he isn't; he just looks like him." So the man himself said, "I am the man." "How is it that you can now see?" they asked him. He answered, "The man called Jesus made some mud, rubbed it on my eyes, and told me to go to Siloam and wash my face. So I went, and as soon as I washed, I could see."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

"Pie Jesu" by John Rutter

Bianca Lucas soloist

Message

"A Different Kind of Sight"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Closing Hymn

Arise, Your Light Is Come! (#231)

*Blessing

Postlude

"Toccata" by Eugene Gigout

Worship Assistant: Rev. Alan Rudnick

*Please stand as you are able

The Altar Flowers are given by Bert Mersereau in loving memory of his daughter Krista Kreh and wife Marguerite (Peggy)

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