

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 19 2023

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
4th Sunday in Lent
Year A

[1 Samuel 16:1-13](#)
[Psalm 23](#)
[Ephesians 5:8-14](#)
[John 9:1-41](#)

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

John 9:5, Ephesians 5:14

Lord, let our eyes be opened!

For everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

“Sleeper awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

***Hymn** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* #411)

Arise, Your Light Has Come

Confession

Ephesians 5:8

“For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.”

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(Silent Confession)

from Book of Common Worship

Assurance, *Gloria Patri, *Passing of the Peace

Ephesians 5:8-9

“Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.”

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

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.

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Time with the Children

Scripture

[Matthew 20:17-28 \(29-34\)](#)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Called to Die: Idols of Power and Prestige

***Hymn** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* #420)

God of Grace and God of Glory

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed
(ecumenical)

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 he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he 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.

Minute for Mission

[Northern Rhode Island Food Pantry](#)

Richard Telesmanick

Call for the Offering

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Please prayerfully consider the time, talent, and resources you have been given, and how they can be offered back to God in love and service. If this includes making a financial offering to the church, you may use our [online giving option](#).

Offertory

Shepherd Me, O God
Calvin Choir

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

*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.*

In the Life of the Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** (*Glory to God Hymnal #377*)

I Want to Walk as a Child of God

***Charge and Benediction**

Matthew 16:24-25

***Congregational Response**

Jesus Be With Us (Refrain)

*Jesus, be with us. Help us each day
to follow the gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way.
Jesus be with us today.*

Postlude

**Please stand in body or in spirit*