

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

John 9:1-12, 24-25, 35-41

⁹ As he went 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 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ After 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.

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

¹¹ He 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.

Spiritual Blindness

²⁴ A 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." ²⁵ He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

³⁵ Jesus 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." ³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." ³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" ⁴¹ Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."

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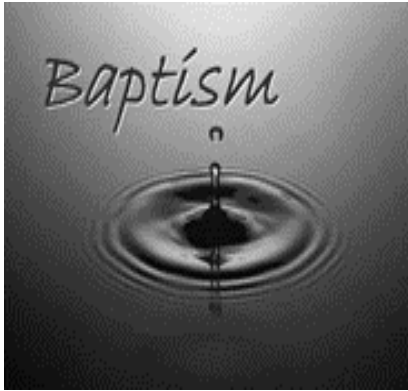


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Fourth Sunday in Lent
Nurture

March 26, 2017

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To parents and sponsors: Will you nurture these children/persons in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?... **To the congregation:** Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

PRELUDE and CANDLE LIGHTING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The world offers busy schedules and more stuff to do, but God offers rest.

PEOPLE: The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not be in want!

Leader: The world offers faster cars and bigger houses, but God offers comfort.

PEOPLE: The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not be in want!

Leader: The world offers war and terror, but God offers protection.

People: The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not be in want!

Leader: The world offers cheap love and cheap thrills, but God offers goodness and mercy.

People: The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not be in want!

Leader: Come now and let us dwell in the house of the Lord and pray together:

ALL: Loving Father, when we were captive in the darkness of sin and death, your Son rescued us and brought us back to you. Teach us to trust in him and to live as your people. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN: "Lord of the Dance" #261 UMH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #2193

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY- "Alleluia" #186 UMH

ANTHEM

*SCRIPTURE READING- John 9:1-12, 24-25, 35-41

*HYMN – "Open Our Eyes" #2085 TFWS

SERMON – "NURTURE"

*HYMN – "Jesu, Jesu" #432 UMH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE– "Lead Me, Guide Me" #2214 TFWS

PASSING THE PEACE

Hymns can be found in the *TFWS – The Faith We Sing* and *UMH- United Methodist Hymnal*

***Please stand as you are able.**

If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to know that we are glad you are here!

*We invite **everyone** to join us down stairs after worship for a time of fellowship.*

