

John 9:1-12

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”. 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.

Ephesians 5:8-14

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light **9** for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth **10** and find out what pleases the Lord. **11** Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. **12** It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. **13** But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. **14** This is why it is said: “Wake up sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2020

Show us, Jesus, how define blindness.

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Will Friesen
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting	Darrel Knoll
Prelude to Worship	Will Friesen
*Call to Worship	Darrel Knoll

We are blind to many things.

Lord, cure our blindness.

The light of God shines for us today.

Lord, pour that light on us.

Come, worship God who forgives and heals your blindness.

Open our eyes, O Lord, that we might see opportunities to serve you. AMEN.

*Prayer

*Hymn Brethren, we have met to worship No. 8

Confession

Healing God, we have languished in our blindness. We have chosen to hide in darkness in order to avoid reaching out and risking acceptance.

We are afraid of the light, and yet we crave it.

In your light, there is healing and hope, restoration and transformation.

O Lord, give us the courage to reach out to the light and accept its healing rays. May our lives be transformed by your mercy?

For we pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Hymn	Longing for Light	Grey Sgbk 1
Children's Story		Lenna Knoll

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Tom
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Offering

Prayer of Dedication

You are all we have

Purple Sgbk 56

LISTENING

Scripture

John 9:1-12 & Ephesians 5:8-14

Message

"When The Dust Settles"

Hank Unruh

RESPONDING

*Hymn

I will come to you in the silence

Grey Sgbk 41

Benediction

Hank Unruh

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL *who are worshiping with us this morning!*

We want to update you on plans for Sunday mornings for the indefinite future. First, **all Sunday school classes are canceled for now.**

Teachers are encouraged to work on ways to "have virtual Sunday School" online with their students/participants.

Second, **we will not meet together for Sunday worship.** Instead, those leading Sunday's service will meet and video record the service (that's right, music, sermon, everything--without a congregation in the pews!). We will then upload the video on YouTube and send you a link. Click the link and it will take you to a site from where you can watch the video at your convenience. You will be the congregation.

Third, **please maintain your regular financial giving to the church.**

You may either mail your offering to the church, Attention: Glen Diener, or place your offering in his church mailbox.

Please note also that **we will not meet on Wednesday evenings until further notice.**

Pastor Hank's "Love Wins" small group discussion will not meet until further notice from him.

In case you haven't heard yet, **this year's Kansas MCC Sale has been canceled.**

Stay tuned for further emails with suggestions for how we can continue to be church to one another and to our community during these uncertain times! "Social distancing" does NOT mean we can't keep on doing and being church!

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

CALENDAR

April 1	8 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
April 5	Palm Sunday
April 10	Good Friday
April 12	Easter

Becky will be out of the office on the following day:
March 24

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