



*John 9:1-41*  
*Jesus heals the man born blind*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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**\*Those who are able, please stand as marked**

*The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers!*  
*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest Book*  
*in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.*

## Musical Prelude

## Announcements

### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

#### \*Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Jesus Comes to Me as a Winter Tree (lyrics on screen)*

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Beloved of God, a new vision of leadership is called forth,

**C: and God calls upon the least likely, the unheard of, the humble of heart to assemble and receive anointing.**

L: God anoint the forgotten, the youngest, smallest and unlikeliest of our siblings.

**C: Though the call may involve risk and danger, we are called to listen, obey and live a life of unwavering love.**

L: God anoints the disinherited and dismissed.

**C: God's call does not depend on how we look or our earthly achievements.**

L: God anoints neighbour and kinfolk alike.

**C: Let us open our hearts to God this day. Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn: *Please open your hymnal*

### OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)

**Anointing God, your love comes peaceably into our lives if we but let it. We are so fixated on monetary gain, the familiar and the safe choice that we often lose sight of what you are raising up right in our very midst. Enliven us with your Holy Spirit this day so that we might get a glimpse of your peace. Take what we might imagine as too small for your kingdom and use it to open the world to your overflowing abundance and provision that you have created. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

**1 Samuel 16:1-3**

*Samuel chooses one of Jesse's sons as king*

**Psalm 23**

*A psalm of David*

The New Testament

**John 9:1-41**

*Jesus heals a man born blind*

*(response after The Lessons)*

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\***Hymn:** *Please open your hymnal*

**Sermon – Your Eyes are Tricking You**

Rev. Scott Brown

\***Hymn:** *Please open your hymnal*

## WE RESPOND IN LOVE

**Offering**

\***Offering Dedication: MV 191 – *What Can I Do?*** *(on-screen)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(responsively)*

***“Merciful God, hear your people praying.”***

**COMMISSIONING** *(in unison)*

**We go out not seeking the places of power, prestige and the appearance of grandeur and wealth.**

**We go out seeking those who need healing and renewal.**

**We go to those unexpected places and people that God has set apart to transform the world.**

**We go out, opening ourselves to the Holy Spirit , seeking the small shepherds among us who are waiting to lead with God's help.**

**We go now in peace to lead, to love and to be renewed by God. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

May you have strength for the journey this day and week.

May the Lord bless and keep you this day and this week.

May Jesus be all around you this day and this week.

And may the Spirit anoint and bless you this day and this week.

Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn:** *Please open your hymnal*

### **Musical Postlude**

*Thank you*

#### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Scott Brown - Presider

Vince Anderson – Lead Musician

Robert Woodbury – Cantor

#### **Technical Support**

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound

Brent Roy – PowerPoint Operation

Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design