

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro  
United Church of Christ  
March 19, 2023  
Fourth Sunday in Lent***



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*The flower arrangement honors the courageous citizens of Ukraine.*

**Prelude**      *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend*, BWV 655      J. S. Bach  
    ("Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us")      (March 21, 1685–July 28, 1750)

**Welcome!**

**Announcements**

**Sunday School Dismissal**

**Passing the Peace**      *As Christ brought peace to the world, let us bring peace to our neighbor.*

**\*Call to Worship**      Deborah Kay, Liturgist

Liturgist: God's ways are different from our ways.

**People: God chooses leaders we might think are weak.**

Liturgist: God offers comfort and encouragement to us even when we are in fear.

**People: God leads us through dismal times and places and brings us through to the other side.**

**ALL: Come, let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn**      "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"      No. 93

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**All: Life can be overwhelming at times. We can feel lost and alone, abandoned to our own devices and left to fend for ourselves in scary places. Yet when we pause, gracious God, we remember you are with us. You offer cool refreshment and lasting comfort. Yours is a comfortable hand to hold, a nourishing plate of food offered in a moment of hunger, a cool drink on a hot day. May we celebrate your presence at every turn, O God, and share with others the goodness of knowing you are never far away. Amen.**

**Response**      "*Gloria Patri*"      No. 734

**Glorify 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.**

**Anthem**      "The Lord Is My Shepherd"      Howard Goodall  
    *Andrew Osborne, soloist*

## **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray as Christ our savior has taught us.

**All: 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.**

#### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Scripture**

John 9:1-41

NT pg. 99

**Sermon** "March Madness in the Church" Reverend Dr. S. William Sencabaugh

**\*Hymn** "Amazing Grace" No. 422

#### **\*Benediction**

##### **Response**

*"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" No. 711, vs. 1*

**Savior, again to your dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
we give you thanks before our worship cease,  
and now departing, wait your word of peace.**

#### **Postlude**

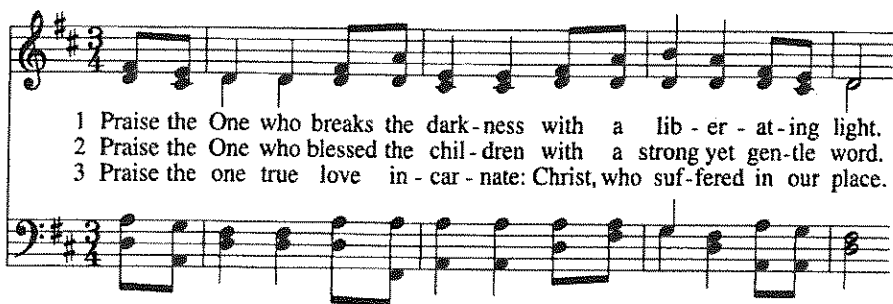
Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578 (The "Little" Fugue)

Bach

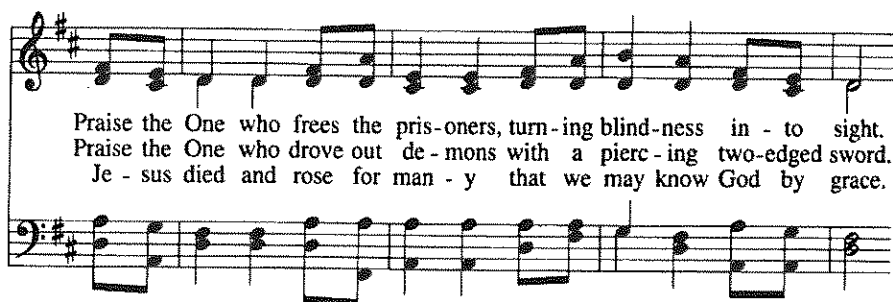
*If you are leaving the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly.*

*Throughout the bulletin, when you see an \* you are invited to stand if you are able.*

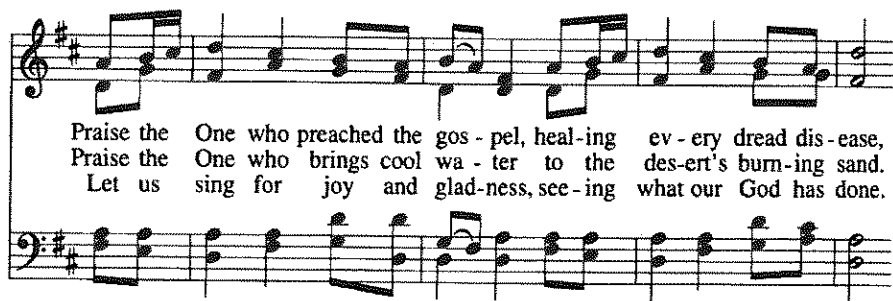
# Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 93



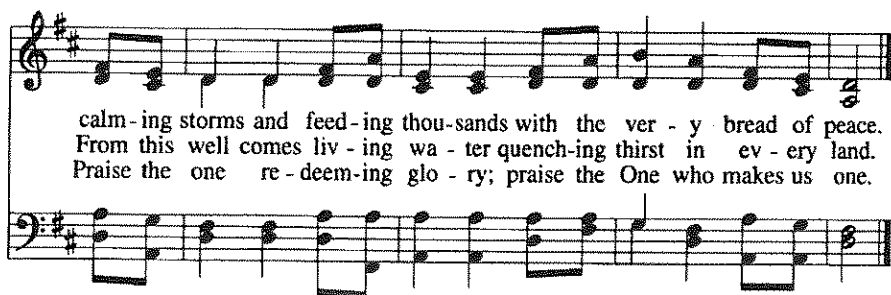
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light.  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word.  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place.



Praise the One who frees the pris - oners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - ery dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand.  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - ery land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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# Amazing Grace!

422

G G/D D7 Em C G G/D D/C G/B

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;  
 3 The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se- cures;  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;  
 5 When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

G G/B C G Em G/D D7 G

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!  
 he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.  
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; vs. 5, anonymous  
 MUSIC: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921)

NEW BRITAIN  
 C.M.

**Deacon of the Month** is Deb Hawes. **The Conference Room** is available during the service for those who wish to remain separate from the sanctuary.

### Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am	Palm Processional Rehearsal Women's Fellowship Meeting
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 pm	Facilities Committee Hybrid Meeting
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 pm	Lenten Book Study
	7:00 pm	Administration Committee Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 pm	PFLAG Meeting
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm	<b>April Voice Deadline</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>4:00 pm</b> <b>5:15 pm</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Jack &amp; Jill Spaghetti Supper!!!</b> <b>3 Seatings. Get Ticket Order Form</b> <b>from Narthex or Church Office</b>
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am	Palm Processional Rehearsal Annual Financial Meeting
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	3-5 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Lenten Book Study
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal

The Flower Committee will be in Fellowship Hall this morning to take orders and dedications for **Easter altar flowers**. You may also contact the office this week.

Women's Fellowship will be starting **May Breakfast helper signups** soon, but if you have a role you want to reserve, see or call Sandy Saunders as soon as you get a chance.

Also at Coffee Hour this morning you may make reservations for the **Jack & Jill Spaghetti Supper** on March 25<sup>th</sup> and take chances on the 'Opportunity Baskets' which will be on hand this morning for your perusal.

Our annual collection for **One Great Hour of Sharing** will be held today. If you can't be here but would like to contribute, please send it to the office, labeled OGHS. *Thank you!*



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