

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Kwesi Asiedu

226 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Call to Worship: Carl Wamble

91 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
464 Because He Lives
371 And Can It Be That I Should Gain
922 Jesus Paid It All

Bread: Bryon Vaughan
Fruit of the Vine: Reggie Oliver
Giving: Steve Jones

— **Ancient Words**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 50:15-21
Calvin Mitchell

96 I Stand in Awe

Sermon: Ricky Cook

679 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Prayer Requests/Announcements

869 We're Marching to Zion

Closing Prayer: Steve Jones

Usher 1: Kevin Hogg
Usher 2: LeRoy Bell
Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise and the Supplement.

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Aaron Springer

337 Hallelujah! What a Savior
718 We Shall Assemble

Call to Worship: Michael Wilkins

456 No Tears in Heaven (PFL)
244 Hold to God's Unchanging Hand (PFL)
959 Just a Little Talk with Jesus
478 Nearer Still Nearer

Bread: Rodney Philyaw
Fruit of the Vine: Jesse Frerot
Giving: Mark Williamson

Scripture Reading: Genesis 50:15-21
John Birus

S-78 Days of Elijah

Sermon: Ricky Cook

684 Nearer, My God, to Thee


Prayer Requests/Announcements

Medley:
1014 Jesus Loves Me
1016 This Little Light of Mine

Closing Prayer: Mark Williamson

Usher 1: John Jones
Usher 2: Bob Ozomah
Projectionist: Allen Pratt

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise, Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.



Where Faith Meets Life!

Life Groups Meet Today

We would like the men scheduled to serve in the worship service meet in the copier room at 7:45 and 10:15 to prepare for the service.

Wednesday, March 13th

Song Leader	Kwesi Asiedu
Devotional Leader	Michael Wilkins
Closing Prayer	Carl Wamble



Guest Guide:

- Nursery and Training room are upstairs.
- Children's classes are downstairs.
- Looking for a church home? We'd love to tell you about this congregation.
- Please fill out a guest card and give it to one of the ushers.
- Communion cups are on the welcome table in the foyer.

Serving Next Week: March 17th

8:00 Service	
Brother of the Month	Jeff Watson
Song Leader	Mike Wilson
Call To Worship	Bernard Foster
Bread	Aaron Springer
Fruit of the Vine	Ian Huckabey
Giving	Palmer Young
Scripture Reader	Kevin Taylor
Closing Prayer	Palmer Young
Usher 1	Shaun Holt
Usher 2	Kweku Asiedu
Projectionist	Byron Vaughan
10:30 Service	
Brother of the Month	Joe Ford
Song Leader	Kevin Caldwell
Call to Worship	Alan Bobo
Bread	Emagii Graves
Fruit of the Vine	Jesse Frerot
Giving	Chris Forand
Scripture Reader	Ethan Graves
Closing Prayer	Chris Forand
Usher 1	Joe Ford
Usher 2	Neal Wilkins
Projectionist	Chuck Morris



March 10, 2024

Sunday:

Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am
 Bible Classes: 9:30 am

Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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Chris Forand	Ronald Rivera
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What Do You See?

“Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. And he looked up and said, “I see men like trees, walking.” Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.” Mark 8:22-25

Jesus healed this man in two stages, moving from the partial to complete. None of the other recorded miracles have this characteristic. This begs to question, “Why did Jesus work this miracle in this fashion?” He could have healed this man with one word. Yet, He chose to heal him in two steps instead of one. The reason for Jesus’ action is not stated in the text. However, there are some things that demand to be noticed about Jesus’ actions in this event.

Jesus took a personal interest in this blind man (v.23). Considering that the people often came to Him in droves, this, in and of itself, is noticeable. Furthermore, Jesus asked him a noteworthy question. Effectively, “Do you see anything?” The man’s response indicates that while he could now see, his vision was somewhat distorted. After a second touch, the man’s sight was totally restored.

This account is really a lesson on how God, as a matter of grace and mercy, deals with us. It is interesting that this account of physical blindness, follows on the heels of the disciples’ spiritual blindness (Mark 8:14-21). When we look at the world around us, our lives, our circumstances, what do we see? The apostle Paul has declared, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7. This statement is indicative of the nature of the Christian walk. Yet, we do not always see things through the eyes of faith. It may be said that at times we see life in the same way this man saw people after the first touch.

However, the love of God moves Him to guide us through life and bring us to a better, more complete understanding by degrees. May we learn to daily trust God’s faithfulness, and daily be thankful for His providence as He heals us. To God be the glory! Amen.

Because He lives,
 Ricky Cook