



# Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. | March 10, 2024

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City



READ John 3:14-21

FROM THE ARTIST | Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

My first memory of this passage is from writing “John 3:16” on my basketball shoes when I was in seventh grade, joining many of my teammates in blending our sport with our faith. I don’t remember knowing what the verse really meant, but my display of it was to make a statement about who I was—or at least who I desperately wanted to be. Like the branded clothes I wore, or the way I styled my hair, this was just another way to curate my middle school self-image. I wanted to show that I was good, that I fit in, that I believed in God. Later that basketball season, I added another Sharpie pen tattoo to my basketball shoes: my mother’s initials and the dates of her birth and death, marking the 44 years she lived. After her funeral, my teammates added her initials and the dates of her life to their sneakers in solidarity.

Now I know that Jesus originally spoke these famous words to Nicodemus, perhaps whispering them amidst the hushed noises of the night. I wonder why Nicodemus came to Jesus in the first place? Had Jesus’ teachings uprooted his religious self-image, one carefully curated to project propriety and adherence to the law? Or had death recently left a sharp sting, unraveling his tidy beliefs, creating in him a well of desperate questions about eternal life?

Jesus speaks to him with poetry of promise: God didn’t send his son to judge the world, but so the world might be restored through him. For God so loved. For God so loves, that like light, God keeps traveling to reach us with that redeeming love. In this abstract painting, the gold leaf marks become like a wave gliding through the cosmos, moving endlessly until it reaches everything.

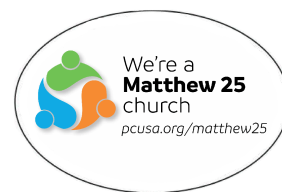
As I think back to those Sharpie pen inscriptions on my basketball shoes, perhaps “For God so loved... so that everyone... will have eternal life” was the perfect companion to my mom’s initials.

PRAY

Breathe deeply as you gaze upon the image on the left. Imagine placing yourself in this scene. What do you see? How do you feel? Get quiet and still, offering a silent or spoken prayer to God.



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**New Guest Connection**

**Hymns + Songs** | Pages are listed for the printed bulletin

Numbers (#) are listed for music in the *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red) hymnal

**Bold Print** | Speak or sing together in unison.

✝ Please rise in body or in spirit.

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## Thought for Reflection

*Lift up the suffering symbol. Place it high upon a pole.  
Tell the children to look up and be made whole.*

— Michael Card

## Welcome + Announcements

**Prelude** | *Prière à Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique, Op. 25*, by Léon Boëllmann

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from a prayer by Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

Infinite Love, heart of all life,  
you loved this Word into being.  
And with such love, you birthed yourself among us—  
Love begotten as the Beloved.

**Opening ourselves to your love,  
we live beyond our mortal selves  
and join your eternal Oneness.**

Your presence does not separate, but unites.  
Your love does not push away, but embraces.  
You do not condemn, but save.

**Trusting this, we know that we are loved and never rejected.  
So let us enter into worship with joy!  
Let us join together in worship as one!**

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Just As I Am,” pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #627)

✠ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace**

You have to look your evil in the face to be healed.  
The snakes that plagued the Hebrews in the desert

were their betrayal come back to bite them—  
Eden's elusive serpent.

**We will soon gaze upon the Crucified One,  
and look our awfulness square in the eye.  
Only there, as the cross is lifted up,  
can we grasp forgiveness for:  
our racism, our violence, our materialism,  
our deep seated me-first-ism.**

**Posted there is our last text to God:  
“I'll let you know when I need you.”**

**We look at it, look at it hard,  
to get free of the lie that we're just fine,  
the lie that keeps us from knowing  
how deeply we are forgiven,  
how vastly we are blessed,  
how infinitely we are loved.**

*Time for silent confession*

Beloved Divine, help us to seek you every day.  
Help us to acknowledge that we need your wisdom and guidance in our lives.  
**Help us to return to the Lenten path ahead and to walk with you, side-by-side!**

### ✕ Musical Response

***Glory to the Creator,  
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.***

### ✕ Sharing of Christ's Peace & Compassion

And now, as a visible sign  
of what it means to live together  
in the care and context  
of Christ's community,



let us extend Christ's  
peace and compassion  
to those around us!  
The peace of Christ be with you all!  
**And also with you!**

### **Old Testament Reading** | Numbers 21:4-9 (*Bible*, Pg. 122)

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Time for Young Disciples** †

### **Gospel Reading** | John 3:14-21 (*Bible*, pg. 864)

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### **The Prompting** | *Contemplation vs. Comprehension* | The Rev. W. Robert Martin III

### ✕ **Hymn** | “Amazing Grace” (*hymnal*, #691)

### **Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents**

**Offertory** | *Give Me Jesus*, arr. by Moses Hogan

✕ **Response to Our Offerings** | “Doxology”

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

### **Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer** (pg. 10)

Please use the wording for the Lord’s Prayer you are most familiar with.  
If you learned the Lord’s Prayer in a different language, please feel free to use your native tongue.

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† Following the *Time for Young Disciples*, Kindergartners and younger children are welcome to join activities in the Lower Level Children’s Area.

✕ **Sending Hymn** | “What Wondrous Love is This?” (*hymnal*, #164)

✕ **Benediction**

Just as God’s Word was sent into the world  
to heal and redeem,  
so God sends you into the world this day  
to be light and love, healing and hope.  
Go now to be light for the world!  
And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,  
the Redeemer, and the Sustainer  
come upon you this day  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Postlude** | *Toccata from Suite Gothique, Op. 25*, by Léon Boëllmann

## Today’s Worship Participants

Rev. W. Robert Martin III and Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastors*

Karen Raynor, *worship leader*

Austen Wilson, *director of music ministry*

Abby Chen, *organist & accompanist*

Vocal Ensemble | Becky Benson, Taylor Dengler-Schlicher, Wes Habley, Rob Mullins, and Nelda Wittig

David Meyer, *soloist*

Thomas Hartley, *director of children’s and family ministry*

## Sunday School & Learning Academy Classes

- **2 & 3 Year Olds to 6th Grade** | Meet in Children’s Area
- **Jr. High** | Room 19
- **Upcoming Sunday Learning Academy Classes**
  - **March 10, 17, and 24** | “**Seeing the Passion of Christ through the Eyes of Rembrandt**” | Join **Shana Stuart** for an exploration of Lenten art. | *The Hub*
  - **March 17** | “**Adventures in Cooking: Guatemala Style**” (**rescheduled**) | Join **Mike Anderson** to experience cooking homemade corn tortillas and black beans as we discuss **Impacto Ministry**. *Note: This class, which has been rescheduled, is limited to 10 people.*



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## Just as I Am, Without One Plea

E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b7</sup>

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken ev - ery

A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

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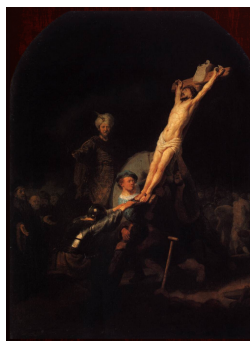
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



## ADVENTURES IN COOKING: GUATEMALAN STYLE

A CLASS WITH  
MIKE ANDERSON

MARCH 17



seeing the  
Passion of Christ  
through the  
Eyes of Rembrandt  
*a class with Shana Stuart*

March 10-24  
The Hub

## Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
 I have already come;  
 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
 and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
 bright shining as the sun,  
 we've no less days to sing God's praise  
 than when we'd first begun.

*For an alternate arrangement see 670*

Words: st. 1-4 John Newton, 1779, st. 5 *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790, P.D.

Music (NEW BRITAIN 8.6.8.6): *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. and harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900, P.D.



## What Wondrous Love

## PSALM 22

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down; when I was sink-ing  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse  
 down be-neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown  
 Lamb, who is the great I AM—while mil-lions join the theme,  
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty

for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.  
 I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

For other settings of Ps. 22 see 165, 511, 594

Words: S. Mead's *A General Selection*, 1811, P.D.

Music (WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9): W. Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Emily R. Brink, 1986,  
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## Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father in heaven,  
may your name be revered as holy.  
May your kingdom come.  
May your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial,  
but rescue us from the evil one.  
*For the kingdom and the power  
and the glory are yours forever. Amen.*  
— *NRSV (Updated Edition)*

Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver  
Source of all that is and all that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God who is in heaven:  
The hallowing of your name  
echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice  
be followed by people of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done  
by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb  
from one another forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power  
that is love, now and forever.  
May it be so. Amen.  
— *from the New Zealand Prayer Book*

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,  
Holy and blessed is your true name.  
We pray for your reign  
of peace to come,  
We pray that your good will be done,  
Let heaven and earth become one.  
Give us this day the bread we need,  
and give it to those who have none.  
Let forgiveness flow  
like a river between us—  
from each one to each one.  
Lead us to holy innocence beyond  
the evil of our days —  
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
For yours is the power  
and the glory and the mercy:  
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.  
— *Parker Palmer*

Our Father in heaven,  
reveal who you are.  
Set the world right; do what's best—  
as above, so below.  
Keep us alive with three square meals.  
Keep us forgiven with you  
and forgiving others.  
Keep us safe from ourselves  
and the Devil.  
You're in charge!  
You can do anything you want!  
You're ablaze in beauty!  
Yes. Yes. Yes.  
— *by Eugene Peterson*

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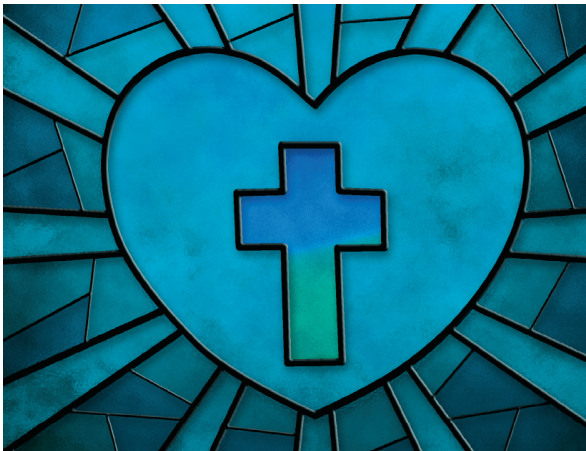
# Reminder of Upcoming Events

- **Coffee with Leaders** | March 17
- **Senior Moments Coffee** | March 19
- **Holy Week**
  - **Palm Sunday** | March 24
  - **Maundy Thursday** | March 28
  - **Good Friday** | March 29
  - **Easter** | March 31
    - *Fireside Service*: 6:30 a.m.
    - *Sunrise Service*: 7 a.m.
    - Breakfast Potluck: 8-11 a.m.
    - *Worship*: 9 & 11 a.m.
- **At the Table** | April 4
- **Sunday Solace** | April 7
- **Senior Moments Coffee** | April 16
- **Earth Sunday** | April 21 | with guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Robert Traer
- **25Live Walk-a-Thon** | April 25
- **ETC Trivia Night** | April 26
- **Child-Led Worship Service** | April 28
- **At the Table** | May 2
- **Melodious Harmony: Arsenal Duo** | May 4
- **Sunday Solace** | May 5
- **Final Week of Sunday School Classes** | May 12
- **Coffee with Leaders** | May 19
- **Senior Moments Coffee** | May 21
- **Sunday Solace** | June 2
- **Flamy Grant Concert** | June 4
- **At the Table** | June 6
- **Congregational Meeting** | June 9
- **Stronghold** | June 9-14
- **Coffee with Leaders** | June 16
- **VBS** | June 17-21
- **Senior Moments Coffee** | June 18
- **High School Mission Trip** | July 21-26



# Questions about Worship @ St. Andrew?

- **Welcome!** We are happy to have you join us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please email [office@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:office@saintandrew-ic.org).
- Our worship services begin **in-person and online at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings**, followed by Sunday School and Adult Christian Education offerings from September to April and a variety of After Worship activities from May to August. *The service usually begins with Welcome & Announcements a few minutes before 9:30 a.m.*
- All ages are welcome in our worship services. Worship materials for all ages are available in **The Maker's Toolbox** outside the north entrance to the Sanctuary.
- **Nursery care** (up to age 2) is provided in the Lower Level throughout the morning. Programming for children (through Kindergarten age) begins in the Lower Level after the **Time for Young Disciples** on most Sundays and after the **Sharing of Christ's Peace and Compassion** on Communion Sundays.
- Large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins also are available outside the Sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.
- Unless otherwise designated, gifts given to the weekly **offering**—either in the offering plates or online—support the church budget, including staff salaries, utilities, mission outreach, and all aspects of ministry at St. Andrew.
- To log into the **St. Andrew Connect** system, either download the **St. Andrew App** through the **App Store/Google Play** or visit <https://saintandrew.ccbchurch.com>.
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IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.