



# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Ask



a Lenten series

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

*Each week throughout this season, we are providing the opportunity to zoom in on one question and one snippet of the much longer story that was heard in worship on Sunday. Through music, prayer, and reflection we invite you to ponder and identify the questions that rise in you.*

## Prelude

Sonata III in A Minor, Wq 53/ 3  
II. Poco andante

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

## **HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER**

*assisted by* Andy Gates, cantor  
Sue Cardinal, flute

## **SERVICE OF LIGHT**

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PSALMODY

# O FAITHFUL GOD

Psalm 51

MARTIN'S RIDGE



1. O faith-ful God, have mer-cy on your ser-vant here;  
2. I know my deeds, I know my faults and fail-ings well;  
3. You long for truth, for wis-dom dwell-ing deep with-in;



in your love, re-mem-ber not my sins. In the  
I have sinned and bro-ken faith with you. For the  
teach my heart to long for wis-dom, too: Wash me



wa-ters of your grace, wash me clean of all dis-grace;  
wrong that I have done, my trans-gres-sions, ev-'ry one,  
clean and give me voice, so these bones you crushed re-joice;



raise me up to life from death and fear.  
God your judg-ment would be just and true.  
turn my heart from sin to life in you.



4. Cre-ate in me a clean and right-eous heart, O God, put a



will-ing spir-it in my soul. Let me sing with joy a-new the sal-



va-tion found in you, sing-ing praise to you who made me whole.

## PRAYER

Holy One, you are steadfast love and abundant mercy to all who turn to you. Create within us hearts of love and compassion. Place in us spirits that are eager to live with integrity. Give us voice to sing to you with gratitude and to proclaim you with courage and conviction. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.

**Amen.**

## THAT TIME YOU WERE WRONG

John 9:18-28

A reading from John.

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

### OFFERING OF MUSIC

Impromptu on *JULION*

David Hurd  
arr. R. S. Clare  
(ELW 331)

Flute Duo: Sue Cardinal, Margie Gaul

*Silence for meditation*

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FINAL BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

ELW 565

DISMISSAL

Go now to serve the Messiah Jesus, the source of living water.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **BLC Musicians**

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Dr. Jim Jefferis, Director of The Chancel Choir

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

**Share in Simple Suppers** each Wednesday at 6:00 PM immediately before our Wednesday evening Service of Holden Evening Prayer. Simple Suppers continue through **March 29**. Volunteers are always welcome to help set-up, serve and clean up afterwards.

**Parking on Wednesday evening.** . . we may use the Board of Education building parking lot but BLC members and guests are asked to avoid using the 3 parking spaces adjacent to the northern walkway leading from the parking lot to the Board of Education building.

**What's happening at BLC this week?** Visit the Calendar of Events at [www.blcfairport.org](http://www.blcfairport.org). Zoom links for virtual meetings are also found there. If you would like to schedule a meeting or event, please email the church office at [office@blcfairport.org](mailto:office@blcfairport.org) or visit <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/>

**Church office hours:** Our co-Pastors are available Sunday-Thursday and on-call for emergencies. Contact them directly to schedule an appointment either by calling (585)223-0634 or emailing [pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org](mailto:pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org) or [pastor.amy@blcfairport.org](mailto:pastor.amy@blcfairport.org).