

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

(* = please stand)

Prelude

"Change My Heart O God"

Choir

Opening Prayer

Sarah Waby

Welcome and Announcements

Sarah Waby

Call to Worship

One: We look in the mirror and what do we see?

All: We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.

One: We look in the mirror and how do we see?

All: We see with hearts which are open to God's love, with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.

One: We look in the mirror and who do we see?

All: We see Jesus, the One who struggles with the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow.

*Opening Hymn, Celeb Hymn, 344 *"Grace Greater Than Sin"* *Congregation*

Scripture

Psalms 90: 12-17, page 424

*2nd Hymn, 762

"What A Day That Will Be"

Congregation

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us willingly embrace that which we believe is true - we can come to the seat of grace, bringing our prayers of confession to the One who is filled to overflowing with mercy and hope. Join me as we pray together,

All: We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following Jesus.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

We stand before you, Holy Grace. As you empty our hands of that wealth of unneeded things we cling so tightly to, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all which might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that life with which he offers to each of us.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing; because God forgives us, we have everything we need; because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

All: Committing everything to God, trusting in the One who redeems us, we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven people. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #577

Congregation

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also, with you.**

(Please pass signs of peace and forgiveness with those seated around you)

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

The Lord's Prayer, (Inside cover Red Book)

Congregation

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture

Genesis 22: 12-18, page 15

Anthem

"Joy Unspeakable"

Choir

Sermon

Lord, Open Eyes: So we can see God's blessings

Text: Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns.

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***The Apostles' Creed** (*Inside cover Red Book*)

Congregation

Prayer

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

Call to Offering

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

Offertory

Molly Allen

*Doxology

Congregation

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Charge and Blessing

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

We leave now in order to follow God into the world.

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

All: We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.

*Sung Benediction (*Please face the center*)

Congregation

All: May the Lord, Mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, and courage in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see His face, see His grace forever.

May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.

Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church

October 6, 2024 9:15 am

**So Abraham called that place
"The Lord will provide";
as it is said to this day, "On the mount
of the Lord it shall be provided."**

Genesis 22:14, NRSV



**Our Vision: Transforming lives by the love of
Christ Jesus through witness, mission, and evangelism.**

**Our Mission: To be a place where the community can come
together in Christ and provide, through God and his Word, love,
comfort and joy to all.**