

CLOSING BLESSING

Courtney Adams

Please gather around the altar table

One: The same God who said,
"Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts.

**Many: In God's light, we see the glory of God,
the face of Jesus Christ.**

One: May the eyes of our hearts always be open,
that we may see the many ways of serving God
by helping God's people.

**Many: By walking in God's light,
may we bring sight
to those dwelling in deep darkness.**

*HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
with every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

BENEDICTION

You are invited to stay for refreshments and conversation
following worship!

Worship is over...service begins!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

April 3rd, 2011

8:30 pm



Protestant Worship

Linehan Chapel
Nazareth College

Alison Schmied, Protestant Chaplain

Erica Porter and Stephanie Preece,
Music Leaders

Moseleine Beauvais, Greeter

GATHERING MUSIC

Stephanie Preece
*Please sign and pass the Friendship Binder,
and kindly silence phones.*

Stephanie Preece

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23
John 9:1-39

The United Methodist Hymnal p. 754
(see insert)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alison Schmied

HYMN

“More Like You”
The Faith We Sing

#2167

INTROIT

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

Choir

SERMON

Alison Schmied

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Annie Dievendorf

One: We are blind to many things.

Many: Lord, cure our blindness.

One: The light of God shines for us today.

Many: Lord, pour your light on us.

One: Come, worship God who forgives and heals our blindness.

Many: Open our eyes, Lord, that we might see opportunities to serve you.

ANTHEM

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Choir

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

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. Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*HYMN

“Precious Lord”
The United Methodist Hymnal

#474

*SHARING SIGNS OF GOD’S PEACE

Nicole Tarsio

*DOXOLOGY

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY COMMUNION

*We celebrate an open communion table. All are welcome.
Come as you are, open to God’s leading in your life.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Philip Schierer

**Healing God, we confess that we have failed to question our
own blindspots. Being sure that we see, we sometimes miss
the truths you would teach us. Open our eyes to our own mis-
understandings, our failures, and our faults. Make our shadow
side known to us, and illumine it with the light of your grace.
In your light, there is healing and hope, restoration and
transformation. Hear us now as we confess our sin in silence.**

*MUSICAL MEDITATION “Be Thou my Vision” Courtney Adams, flute

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

John 9:1-39 (NRSV)

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight.

He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."

Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath."

But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.

So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

He said, "He is a prophet."

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 and asked them,

"Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 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."

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. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

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."

He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

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?"

Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."

He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! Protestant Worship is a spiritual home - a family on campus. It is a place of **belonging** in Christian fellowship. It is also a place for **becoming**, for discerning God's call in your life. Come - participate, observe, question, seek. *You are welcome, just as you are.*

Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study with the Chaplains

You are invited to a Bible Study with Catholic Chaplain Jamie Fazio and Protestant Chaplain Alison Schmied on *Tuesdays from 12:10 to 1:00*, in the Community Room (GAC 151). Bring your lunch and bring a friend!

Rooted in Love: The Life and Martyrdom of Sr. Dorothy Stang, O.P.

Sister Dorothy Stang spent 40 years bringing faith and justice to peasant farm families in northern Brazil. She worked with them to form communities, to improve sustainable farming methods, to defend their basic human rights and work for social justice. She challenged the illegal ranchers and loggers who were destroying the Amazon rain forest. On February 12, 2005, she was shot and killed on a lonely road in Anapu, Para, Brazil. *Sr. Nancy Murray, O.P. will perform her one-woman play about the life of Sr. Dorothy Stang in Linehan Chapel on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. FREE ADMISSION*

Sing in Worship: 7:30pm in the Community Room (GAC 151)

Come sing as your schedule allows! Contact Erica Porter or Stephanie Preece (eporter2@naz.edu or spreece2@naz.edu) for more info.

Service Retreat: Serve Urban Poor and Homeless of Philadelphia

Live and serve at St. Francis Inn, Monday, May 9 to Saturday, May 14. St. Francis Inn is a Catholic Franciscan community located in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia where they minister among the poor and homeless by means of a soup kitchen, a thrift shop and a women's day center. They strive to build relationships with those that we serve as guests and promote the dignity of each person. For more info, contact Catholic Chaplain Jamie Fazio jfazio1@naz.edu.

Psalm 23

(King James Version)

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through

the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

