



# Chapel Church

Old Walls  
New Story



Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2023 • 9:30 am



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please silence all electronic devices and do not take flash photos during the service.

Words of Welcome  
*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

\* Opening Song      Return to You • *Can Olgun, text by Sarah Speed*

I've read the stories  
Of heartache and glory.  
I've prayed ev'ry prayer for you.  
And I've tasted glory  
Because you say we're worthy.  
I've sung ev'ry song for you.  
But I have a wandering heart  
And a fickle faith.  
Can you find me here?  
Can I see your face?

### *Chorus*

*Help me return to you  
There's nothing I'd rather do  
Than return to you  
There's nothing I'd rather do.  
The storm may rise, the trumpet sound,  
The curtain tear, and even now,  
Return to you  
There's nothing I'd rather do  
Than return to you.*

I'll leave the boat  
But when the storm comes, I'll let go  
And I'll sink faster than a stone.

And I've called your name  
When the world is full of pain,  
But I still need to see your hands.

Cause I have a wandering heart  
And a fickle faith.  
Can you find me here?  
Can I see your face?

### *Chorus*

Teach me to rend my heart  
Teach me to turn to you  
Teach me to rend my heart

Teach me to love like you  
Teach me to love like you. (*Repeat several times*)

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.

(Silent Prayer)

\* Words of Forgiveness

One:      Hear the good news of the gospel:

All:      We are loved. We are claimed. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

\* Song of Celebration #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Testimony      *Deacon Beverly Elmyra Johnson*

\* Holy Interruption

One:      The peace of Christ be with you.

All:      And also with you!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

**Exodus 34:6-7**

God passed before Moses, and proclaimed,  
'The Lord, the Lord,  
a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,  
keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation,  
forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,  
yet by no means clearing the guilty,  
but visiting the iniquity of the parents  
upon the children  
and the children's children,  
to the third and the fourth generation.'





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John 9:1-12

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 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.'

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"Sin"**

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

\* Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

We rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still. Amen.

Invitation to Pray and Give

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

Offertory Song Kingdom • *Maverick City Music*

My heart has always longed for something more.

I searched the stars to knock on Heaven's door.

Creation groans for God to be revealed.

Every wound we carry will be healed.

*Pre-Chorus*

*My eyes on the Son,*

*Lord, Your will be done.*

*Chorus*

*Thine is the Kingdom,*

*The power, the glory*

*Forever and ever.*

*You finished my story.*

*We're singing freedom,*

*Our testimony.*

*We'll be singing forever, Amen.*

*We'll be singing forever and ever, Amen.*

Beautiful each color that You made.

Your love's the only remedy for hate.

You'll return to set the prisoners free.

'Til then, Your will on Earth be done in me.

*Pre-Chorus*

*Chorus*

*Thine is the Kingdom,*

*The power, the glory*

*Forever and ever.*

*You finished my story.*

*We're singing freedom,*

*Our testimony.*

*We'll be singing forever, Amen. (Repeat 2x)*

We'll be singing forever and ever, Amen.

We'll be singing forever, Amen.

We'll be singing forever and ever, Amen.

Prayer of Gratitude

\* Benediction





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\* Closing Song      We Will Feast in the House of Zion • *Sandra McCracken*

### Chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion.*

*We will sing with our hearts restored.*

*God has done great things, we will say together.*

*We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire,  
He is the Lord, our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood.  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

### Chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn,  
My soul, be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, oh, how long,  
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength.

### Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,  
You are the faithful One.  
And from the garden to the grave.  
Bind us together, bring shalom.

### Chorus (open)

Sending

One:      And all God's people say—

All:      Amen!

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### Shout-out to today's worship team!

Jennifer Reed *vocals*

Wayne Wilson *vocals*

Brendon Lee *guitar*

Can Olgun *Director of Chapel Church Music and pianist*

# THE BIG THREE

3.19.23

*The top three reminders for this week.*

### Today: Lenten Labyrinths

The labyrinth is an ancient archetype dating back more than 4,000 years. Spiritual practitioners of many traditions employ the labyrinth as a tool for contemplation, personal transformation and emotional well-being. Join us at 12:30 pm in Jones Auditorium as we explore a variety of labyrinths—the walking labyrinth, finger labyrinths and more. Refreshments will be served.

### Call for Volunteers: Family Easter Party

Family Ministries and Outreach Ministries co-host our Family Easter Party at 11 am Saturday, April 1, in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. This event will bring together Fifth Avenue families with families living in city shelters. We need volunteers to help make the party (which includes an egg hunt!) a success. Sign up at [fapc.org/volunteer](http://fapc.org/volunteer), or contact Christine Boyle ([outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org)).

### Sign Up for Fifth Avenue Serves

Fifth Avenue Serves, our annual day of service, is coming up on Saturday, May 6. Registration is open for individuals, families and friends. This year's event offers volunteer opportunities with Meal on Heels, Search and Care, the Urban Outreach Center NYC, the Farminary and the United Community Centers Youth Farm in Brooklyn. If you can't join us in person, we also offer an opportunity to participate long distance! Details and registration are at [fapc.org/fifth-avenue-serves](http://fapc.org/fifth-avenue-serves). Registration closes at 12 pm Friday, April 21. Contact: Christine Boyle ([outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org)).



# Let's Be Friends



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