

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2026; 8:15 A.M.

*Holy God, You formed us,  
You know us, and You see us.  
As You brought sight to the man born blind,  
bring clarity to our hearts and minds today.  
As we ask questions, let Your light illumine our path,  
and lead us into Your truth and grace.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Gathering Music	<i>"Open the Eyes Of My Heart"</i> <i>Arranged by Jay Rouse</i>	David Fitzgerald
Welcome & Invitation to Worship		Gina Brock
Reflection	<i>"Grace"</i>	Media Clip
Affirmation of Faith		Gina Brock
Hymn	<i>"What Wondrous Love Is This"</i>	All Worshipers
Offertory Prayer		Randall Kale
Offertory	<i>"The Center of Grace"</i> <i>By Heather Sorenson</i>	David Fitzgerald
Pastoral Prayer		Kathryn Packett
The Lord's Prayer		All Worshipers
Song of Faith	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i> <i>Arranged by Jack Schrader</i>	Amanda Walker
Scripture Reading	<i>John 9:1-41</i>	Jan Merritt Gina Brock Steve Cothran David Fitzgerald
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	<i>"Seeking: What Is the Question?"</i>	Steve Cothran
Practicing the Presence of God		Steve Cothran
Hymn	<i>"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"</i>	All Worshipers
Life of the Church		Gina Brock
Benediction		Steve Cothran

so how is it that he now sees?  
why do you want to hear it again?  
do you believe in the son of man?  
who sinned: this man or his parents?  
are you also eager to become his disciples?  
isn't this the man we knew, who sat here and begged?  
why don't you ask him?  
how are you able to see?  
who is he, sir?  
**Where's God in this?**  
how did he open your eyes?  
**where is this man?**  
what did he do to you?  
how can a sinner do such miraculous, god-revealing things?  
is this your son, the one you say was born blind?  
**are we blind too?**  
how did your eyes get opened?  
don't you recognize my voice?  
what do you say about him?

### OUR MINISTERS

*The People of Ardmore, gifted by God, led and equipped by...*

Tyler Tankersley, SENIOR PASTOR

Gina Brock, EXECUTIVE PASTOR

David Fitzgerald, ASSOC. PASTOR OF WORSHIP, MUSIC, & ARTS

Steve Cothran, INTERIM YOUTH PASTOR

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**seeking:**  
honest questions  
for deeper faith



**What is  
the question?**

John 9:1-41

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

March 15, 2026  
**ARDMORE BAPTIST CHURCH**

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 15, 2026; 10:45 A.M.

*Holy God,  
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You know us,  
and You see us.  
As You brought sight  
to the man born blind,  
bring clarity to our  
hearts and minds today.  
As we ask questions,  
let Your light illumine our path,  
and lead us into Your truth and grace.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE ME

Chiming of the Trinity Matthew Cates

Lighting of the Christ Candle Youth

Prelude *"In Christ Alone"* Ardmore Bells  
*Arranged by Sandra Eithun*  
*(The text may be found in our hymnal, Hymn 569.)*

Welcome & Invitation to Worship Gina Brock

Affirmation of Faith Gina Brock

Leader: We believe in a merciful God,  
**People: A God who does not keep score,  
A God who wants good for us.**

Leader: We believe in a creative God,  
**People: A God who would heal with mud,  
A God capable of seeing what we cannot.**

Leader: We believe in a saving God,  
**People: A God who heals,  
A God who greets our questions with patience,  
A God whose grace transforms.**

Leader: What wondrous love is this. Amen.

Hymn 171 *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* All Worshipers

## I ONCE WAS LOST, BUT NOW AM FOUND WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE

A Time of Silence David Fitzgerald

Call to Confession 392 *"Open Our Eyes"* All Worshipers

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

Prayer of Confession David Fitzgerald

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the World. Yet we confess that we have often walked in darkness.

**People: Open our eyes, Lord, that we may truly see.**

Leader: Forgive us for the times we have been like the Pharisees—certain of our own understanding, yet blind to Your truth.

**People: Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see Your grace.**

Leader: We confess the fear that keeps us silent when we should speak boldly of Your works.

**People: Give us courage, Lord, to witness of Your light.**

Leader: Where our hearts have been hardened, soften them by Your mercy.

**People: Heal us, Lord, and make us whole.**

Leader: Shine Your light into every hidden corner of our lives, so we may walk in Your truth and follow You faithfully.

**People: Open our eyes, Lord Jesus. Let us see, believe, and follow You. Amen.**

Response 392 *"Open Our Eyes"* All Worshipers

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

Assurance of Pardon David Fitzgerald

Hymn 587 *"Amazing Grace!  
How Sweet the Sound"* All Worshipers

### **(Stanza 1: Choir)**

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.*

### **(Stanza 2: All)**

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!*

### **(Stanza 3: Women)**

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

### **(Stanza 4: Men)**

*The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.*

### **(Stanza 5: All)**

*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 first begun.*

Offertory Prayer Randall Kale

Offertory *"Andante"* Matthew Cates  
*By Maurice Greene*

## 'T WAS GRACE THAT TAUGHT MY HEART TO FEAR AND GRACE MY FEARS RELIEVED

Scripture Reading *John 9:1-41* Jason Ritchie

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. Gina Brock

**People: Thanks be to God.** Steve Cothran

Anthem *"Arise, My Soul, Arise"* Sanctuary Choir  
*By Dan Forrest*

*Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears:  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the Throne, my Surety stands,  
Before the Throne, my Surety stands.  
My name is written on His hands.  
My name is written on His hands.*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry,  
Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die,  
Nor let that ransomed sinner die."*

*My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Abba, Father," cry. Arise, my soul, arise!*

Sermon *"Seeking:  
What Is the Question?"* Steve Cothran

## HOW PRECIOUS DID THAT GRACE APPEAR THE HOUR I FIRST BELIEVED

Time of Response Steve Cothran

Hymn 472 *"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"* All Worshipers

Life of the Church Gina Brock

Benediction Steve Cothran

Postlude *"Allegro in Bb Major"* Matthew Cates  
*By Joseph Speth*