

CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023  
7:30 P.M.

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**PRELUDE** - “Behold the Great Redeemer”  
by Careless; setting Schreiner

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O  
Zion, to all generations. **Praise the Lord!**

**HYMN 423** - we sing, standing

**GREETING, followed by PRAYER**  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**INVOCATION & OPENING VERSICLES**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. **Almighty God, grant us your  
Holy Spirit that we may have the clear  
sight of faith to see the wonders of your  
love in our lives, especially the forgiveness  
and eternal life we have through Jesus’  
redeeming death. As the blind man told  
others about the miracle that had been  
accomplished in his life, help us to witness  
boldly to your amazing grace and tell oth-  
ers of the hope and peace that can be  
theirs through faith in Christ Jesus. Hear  
our prayer and accept our praise in his  
holy name. Amen.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Ja-  
cob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,  
**Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and  
all that is in them,**

Who keeps faith forever; who executes jus-  
tice for the oppressed, **Who gives food to  
the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free; **The Lord  
opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed  
down; the Lord loves the righteous. **The  
Lord watches over the sojourners;**

He upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
**But the way of the wicked he brings to  
ruin.**

*(please be seated)*

**FIRST LESSON** - Isaiah 35:4-10

**SECOND LESSON** - 2 Corinthians 5:1-9

Page 173 - **VERSE FOR LENT**-all standing

**GOSPEL** - John 9:1-16, 24-38

*Before all shout: **Glory to you, O Lord!**  
After, all shout: **Praise to you, O Christ!***

**HYMN 846** - we sing, seated

**SERMON**

**OFFERTORY**

*“How Great Thou Art” by Stuart Hine  
Bruce Emerick, Soloist*

**PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER**

*all may kneel*

Almighty God, during his earthly ministry,  
your Son, our Lord Jesus, healed the sick  
and restored sight to the blind. He fulfilled  
all that the Scriptures had foretold of the  
Messiah. His healing miracles proved him  
to be the Son of God and the promised  
Messiah. We give you thanks and praise  
for your saving work through Jesus our  
Savior. Gracious Lord, **Have mercy on us  
and hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, by the power of your Spir-  
it, give us eyes of faith to see the miracles  
that you have done and continue to do in  
our lives, especially the miracle of our sal-  
vation in Jesus. Help us to see clearly your  
truth and to grow in grace as we see Jesus  
revealed in your holy Word. Gracious  
Lord, **Have mercy on us and hear our  
prayer.**

Almighty God, we pray for those who are  
suffering through illness, fear and grief.  
According to your will, bring them com-  
fort and healing. Lead us to serve them as  
we offer help to them in their need. Help  
them to see clearly the hope and encour-

agement found in the promises of your  
Word. Gracious Lord, **Have mercy on us  
and hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, the man whose sight was  
restored worshiped Jesus as Messiah and  
Lord. Give us the clear sight of faith so  
that we too will faithfully worship Jesus as  
our Savior and King. Gracious Lord, **Have  
mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and  
teach us to pray: **Our Father, who art in  
heaven....**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 744 vs 1 - 4**

**POSTLUDE** - “O Sacred Head, Once  
Wounded” Chorale by J. S. Bach

