



March 17, 2023

Dear Oaklands,

This Sunday's scripture is the story that is often called "The Man Born Blind". In the passage, we see the disciples asking the question of Jesus "Who Sinned" referring to why this man was blind from birth. Jesus responded that no one sinned, and in turn he healed the man's blindness.

Throughout the gospel reading we see people asking questions that miss the point of what Jesus is up to, and we see Jesus trying to help them see. But their seeing requires a new way of thinking.

As we prepare for this Sunday's worship, I wonder what Jesus longs for us to understand differently. What are some assumptions about how the world works, of why things are the way they are, that are preventing us from truly seeing what is right before us?

Perhaps that might be a prayer we could all pray in these days - that we might be given a glimpse of the world as God sees it, so that we might ask more relevant questions that actually lead us on the path God has set before us.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor LeAnn

Scripture for this Week:

John 9:1-41 (Here)

Oaklands' Music Playlist for this Sunday:

[Lent Playlist Week 4](#)

Devotional Book

To print your own Devotional:

[Print Order Devotional](#)

(Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to print it so that it comes out oriented correctly for a booklet.)

Online Devotional:

Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Lenten devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices. Click [HERE](#) to access it. (NOTE: In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.)

Devotional Cards

This file will allow you to print double sided, 4 cards for each page. Each card has a question on one side and a short prayer on the other side. I am using these as a daily prompt to my morning prayer time, and a question to carry with me through the day. Someone else said they are using these at meal time as a way to enter into conversation, and then offering the prayer together with their partner.

Link to the Daily Devotional Cards [HERE](#).



Easter Egg Hunt on **April 9th** following Worship.

Candy donations are accepted and can be left in the office by **April 2nd**.

Please come **April 2nd** to help stuff eggs!

YOU'RE INVITED!

You're invited to the grand opening of Oaklands members, Franklin Asah's, new store!! Click the image below for more details!

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Maestro of Modern Fashion



GRAND OPENING

March 24th

Time: 2 PM EST

CUTTING OF RIBBON:

March 25th

Time: 2 PM EST



Columbia Market place, 9400
Snowden River PKWY Suite #128



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Spaghetti Lunch



MARCH 26TH

12:15 PM

Donations accepted, but not expected, for
our Debt Free '23 fund



OAKLANDS HAS DEEP ROOTS OF RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Thank you to our Oaklands Fellowship Hosts!

Hosting Sunday	Hosts
March 19	Paul Collman
March 26	Spaghetti Lunch (See Sara Littlejohn to sign up to help)
April 2	Vivian Manga
April 9	Easter (Two different host/families should combine on Easter)
April 16	Pam & Sam Lloyd
April 23	Carleah Fisher & Autumn Snell
April 30	Jane Pennington
May 7	Vivian Manga
May 14	Mother's Day Lunch (Vivian) for Debt free '23
May 21	Joanne Bauer
May 28	Tari Gregory
June 4	
June 14	
June 21	

Our next luncheon will be on **March 26th** following worship! A sign-up sheet will be available starting **March 5th**. If you are interested in helping

If you are interested in becoming a Fellowship host (a small snack to share following worship) please contact **Elder Pam Lloyd!** (click Pam's name to email her)

please contact **Sara Littlejohn**.

The sign--up schedule is located next to the coffee maker in the Narthex and here ([LINK](#))

Debt Free in '23" Campaign

We started this year with a mortgage pay off of March 10, 2024. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we have raised over **\$14,018** and have moved the pay off to early December. Each week we are getting closer and closer.

Please consider a donation to help Oaklands through this year to our goal of paying off the mortgage by September, if not sooner! Doing so could pull us out of the red and into a surplus!

For every extra dollar given, and designated as Debt Free '23, we will be able to tick time off of our Mortgage Countdown Calendar! <https://oaklandspres.org/give>, note "Debt Free in '23" in the note before submitting.

\$150 is one day gone!
\$1000 is one week gone!
\$4300 is one month gone!

Worship Leadership Sunday, 03/12/23

Liturgist - Sara Littlejohn
Preacher- Rev. LeAnn Hodges
Music Ministry - Karen McLaren
Tech Ministry - Jesy Littlejohn
Fellowship Host(s)- Paul Collman

Please see the links below in order to join in for our worship services.
To call in from any phone (sound only, no video), call 1-301-715-8592
Type in the following Meeting ID when prompted: 865 6235 7110

If you are not able to log on for any reason and need help accessing the recording, please email Elder **Jesy Littlejohn**. jesy@oaklandspres.org or **TEXT** them at 4124390306

Weekly Worship Links

Reminder: The links for worship are **ALWAYS** on the Oaklands Presbyterian Church *website!*

Meeting ID 865 6235 7110
Passcode 14301

Zoom Worship

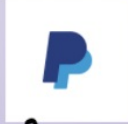
YouTube Worship

Make a Donation

**Ways to Send your Pledges and
Freewill Offerings**



CashApp: [\\$OaklandsPres](#)



Paypal; See the giving link on the
OPC Website under "Give"



Check via USPS.



Automatic Draft. You can set it up
through your bank account to have
money automatically withdrawn and
sent to OPC

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