



**Welcome to Worship**  
**Sunday, March 26, 2017 – 4pm**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
***You belong here no matter what.***

**Acknowledging God's Presence**

**Devin Johns**

**Opening Song I**

***Oh, Give Thanks***

Oh give thanks  
Oh give thanks unto the Lord  
For He is good yes He is good  
(repeat 4X)

For He is worthy, worthy  
For He is good, yes He is good  
(repeat 2X)

**Opening Song II**

***The Power of the Gospel***

**by Ben Harper**

It will make a weak man mighty  
It will make a mighty man fall  
It will fill your heart and hands  
Or leave you with nothing at all  
It's the eyes for the blind  
And legs for the lame  
It is love for hate  
And pride for shame

The gospel in every man  
Gospel in the garden  
Gospel in the trees  
The gospel that's inside of you  
The gospel inside of me

*Chorus*

*Chorus:*

That's the power of the gospel  
That's the power of the gospel  
That's the power of the mighty power  
That's the power of the gospel

In the hour of richness  
In the hour of need  
For all of creation  
Comes from the gospel seed  
Now you may leave tomorrow  
And you may leave today  
But you've got to have the gospel  
When you start out on your way

Gospel on the water  
Gospel on the land  
The gospel in every woman

*Chorus*

**Scripture Reading**

**John 9**

**Cara Blouin**

As he 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." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains".

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**Song of Preparation** **Saved, Saved** **by Jack P. Scholfield**

I've found a Friend, who is all to me,  
His love is ever true;  
I love to tell how He lifted me  
And what His grace can do for you.

*Chorus:*

Saved by His pow'r divine,  
Saved to new life sublime!  
Life now is sweet and my joy is complete,  
For I'm saved, saved, saved!

He saves me from every sin and harm,

Secures my soul each day;  
I'm leaning strong on His mighty arm;  
I know He'll guide me all the way.

*Chorus*

When poor and needy and all alone,  
In love He said to me,  
"Come unto Me and I'll lead you home,  
To live with Me eternally."

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**Meditation** **Welcome Home** **Sammie Evans**

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**Song of Response**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found.  
Was blind but now I see.

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**Amazing Grace**

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

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Then when we first begun.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found.  
Was blind, but now I see

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### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Sammie Evans**

*Jesus spent a lot of time on Earth at dinner tables, eating and drinking with those around him. Gathering together around this table is a way we remember that Jesus extended hospitality to all sorts of unexpected people, even people like us. Whoever you are, wherever you've been, you're welcome at this table. And know that all sorts of people, especially unexpected ones, are joining you here.*

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### **The Great Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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### **Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Eric Flett**

*Feel free to join us in the following prayer or say the version that you may already know.*

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, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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### **Communion of the People**

*To ensure that everyone who wants to can join this meal, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and there is a gluten-free option at the front of the room near the choir; just ask.*

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### **Communion Song**

### **A Change is Gonna Come**

**by Sam Cooke**

I was born by the river in a little tent  
Oh and just like the river I've been running ev'r  
since  
It's been a long time, a long time coming  
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will  
It's been too hard living, but I'm afraid to die  
'Cause I don't know what's up there, beyond the  
sky  
It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will  
I go to the movie and I go downtown  
Somebody keep tellin' me don't hang around

It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will  
Then I go to my brother  
And I say brother help me please  
But he winds up knockin' me  
Back down on my knees, oh  
There have been times that I thought I couldn't  
last for long  
But now I think I'm able to carry on  
It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change is gonna come, oh yes it will

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### **Offering of Self**

**Devin Johns**

*This community thrives on each one of us offering of ourselves. We believe that everyone has something to give, and without your offering, we cannot be us. Give of yourselves freely and generously – your time, your money, and your prayers – because this community is worth your investment. And if you forgot cash, you can use your phone and go to [bit.ly/bsmdonate](https://bit.ly/bsmdonate)*

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**Offering Song** **Here Comes the Sun** **by The Beatles**

Here comes the sun (doo doo doo doo)  
Here comes the sun, and I say  
It's all right

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter  
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been  
here

Here comes the sun  
Here comes the sun, and I say  
It's all right

Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces  
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been  
here  
Here comes the sun

Here comes the sun, and I say  
It's all right

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes (5X)

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting  
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been  
clear

Here comes the sun  
Here comes the sun, and I say  
It's all right

Here comes the sun  
Here comes the sun, and I say  
It's all right

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**Blessing & Sending into the City** **Sammie Evans**

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**Passing the Peace of Christ**

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**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

**Sustain the Sound Campaign:** From our Executive Director, Mike Dahl: "As many of you may know, our current sound system is unfortunately getting older and is in need of a replacement soon so that we can continue to welcome everyone into our space with sounds of radical hospitality. To help finance the cost, we've launched our first peer-to-peer campaign called **Sustain the Sound!** If you are interested in helping to support or better yet participate in the campaign."

You are invited to make your own page, make a team, join a team, or just share the link with your social networks. This is an exciting way to share with the world what we are up to here at BSM. If you would like to know more or need help figuring out how to participate, please talk to Sammie. You can learn more and sign up here: <http://sustain-the-sound-55286.causevox.com/>

**Lent 2017:** Reclaiming the Gospel (March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>): This Lent, join us at BSM Church as we explore the lectionary stories of the ministry of Jesus and rediscover the Gospel in our midst. This is all leading up to Easter Sunday, but remember that there is no resurrection without death on a cross. Join us on Maundy Thursday, 4/13 at 7:15pm for a special service to commemorate Jesus' last meal on earth. Join Beacon Church, our sister congregation in Kensington, for a Good Friday, 4/14, service at 6pm.

**Calling for Caring for Others Nominations:** We are accepting nominations for members of Caring for Others. At the Welcome Table you will find a blue flier with the job description, role, and responsibilities of CFO members for you to help discern if you or someone else might be a good fit. You can email nominations to [pastoralstaff@broadstreetministry.org](mailto:pastoralstaff@broadstreetministry.org) or write a nominee's name on the back of a CFO nominations card and put it in the offering.

**First Garden Work Days of the Season!** Join us for our first official work days of the season. We kick off at Mercy Edible Park on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am-2pm and then at Carousel House (4300 Avenue of the Republic) on Saturday, April 22, 11am-2pm. This is a great way to celebrate Earth Day and kick off to the growing season. There will be some garden committee members around after worship with a sign up sheet. Please see them after worship if you can come! Contact Sammie if you have any questions.

**New & Nearly New, April 2:** If you are new or nearly new to BSM and you'd like learn more about this place, join Brooke for a building tour to learn about who we are and what we're all about. You can meet Brooke at the Welcome Table immediately following worship on Sunday, April 2.

**First Friday Art Gallery, April 7!** We are excited to be launching First Fridays, opportunities for the BSM-wide community to engage in and celebrate the arts and advocacy initiatives happening around us. Join us for our first First Friday on April 7, 5-7pm in the Sunday School Room. We will be displaying and featuring art work created by artists within our very own community. If you have art you'd like to display, contact Michele by March 31 via email at [michele@broadstreetministry.org](mailto:michele@broadstreetministry.org).

**Self-Care Workshop, April 9:** Struggling to make space to listen to your body and your spirit? Wanting a supportive place to explore mindfulness and center yourself? Wondering how to care for yourself in these chaotic and challenging times? If these questions resonate with you, join Kate Sheehan Roach and Kara Castle for a spiritually and physically nourishing time from 3:00 to 3:45pm before our 4pm service. We will practice techniques to widen our awareness of our physical and spiritual needs, and practice in community how to sustain ourselves as we engage in the efforts of resistance and sustenance. Email Michele ([michele@broadstreetministry.org](mailto:michele@broadstreetministry.org)) if you have any questions about this workshop.

**Advocacy Meeting & Voice Workshop, April 9:** Rin Barton will lead a voice workshop in order to prepare for the Tax Day March on April 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend, even if you can't make the march. The group will meet before worship on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 3-3:45pm.

**LGBTQ Fellowship:** Every second Sunday of the month (April 9), the LGBTQ Fellowship gathers for lunch at Rooster Soup Co. at 1:30pm and all are welcome to join in the fellowship and discussion. Our April service project will be to support BSM's Garden Initiative at the Carousel House work day on April 22 (see the announcement above for more information on the work day!). To learn more and with questions, contact Che at [chekahlil@gmail.com](mailto:chekahlil@gmail.com).

**West Philly Prayer Group:** This group is undergoing some transition and will be back in action shortly. We will announce when the meeting will resume, but if you have questions, concerns, or need someone to pray with in the meantime, please contact anyone from the pastoral staff or Caring for Others.

## **Community Life**

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**Clothing Donations:** At the Welcome Table, you will find flyers describing the kinds of donations we need most as well as other locations to take your gently used clothing. We take donations by appointment during the week & on Sundays 3-4pm before worship. Email [donate@broadstreetministry.org](mailto:donate@broadstreetministry.org) to make an appointment.

**#BSMchurch:** How do you know BSM is a real church? Because we have a hashtag! Respond live to sermons, offer prayers, take videos of the music or whatever else strikes your fancy throughout worship and use #BSMchurch to connect with those around you. We also have a podcast where we post the sermons each week. Search for Broad Street Ministry in iTunes Podcasts and subscribe.

**Declarations of Belonging:** The Brain Trust is convening cohorts of 3-4 people to create Declarations of Belonging statements. As a community, we affirm that if you are already here, you belong here. These statements are a way of proclaiming what your belonging means to you. Please contact Pam Gwaltney ([defenderpam@hotmail.com](mailto:defenderpam@hotmail.com)) for more information or if you would like to join a cohort in writing a Declaration of Belonging.

**Congregational Care:** As a community, we are praying for Jess Paschke and Rob Berretta as they prepare for their upcoming nuptials; Katherine Forsyth and her mother, Mita; Clare; Kurt Rosenberg; Julia Morales and her family; Mike Kravitz; Joel; and, Meridith Williams. If you wish to add prayers, please contact the pastors at [pastoralstaff@broadstreetministry.org](mailto:pastoralstaff@broadstreetministry.org)

## **Who's Who in the BSM Faith Community**

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**Pastor Nominating Committee:** a group of BSM congregants, staff, & board members guiding the process for calling a long-term pastor

David Van Houten, djvh@comcast.net  
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Eric Flett, eflett@eastern.edu  
Mike Dahl, mike@broadstreetministry.org  
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**Congregational Brain Trust:** congregants providing oversight in personnel, finances, and belonging.

David Van Houten, Eric Flett, JoAnn Flett, Kirsten King, Pam Gwaltney, Tim Moyer

**Caring for Others:** congregants providing care, putting on fellowship events, and organizing small groups.

Alexandria Evenson, Brooke Stello, Jennifer Abernathy, Kristen Gaiser, Tammy Daniels

**Garden Committee:** congregants directing the Garden Initiative, leading volunteer days, and providing daily garden maintenance.

April Lambert, Jacob Barger, Jenna Buckingham, Kat Wagner, Sara Underwood, Sarah Mohler, Pam Gwaltney

**Regional Fellowship Conveners:** congregants coordinating regional fellowship opportunities.

LGBTQ Fellowship: Che Simmons, chekahlil@gmail.com  
West Philadelphia: Taylor Seals, tayloraseals@gmail.com  
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### **BSM Faith Team:**

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