



July 7, 2024 • *7th Sunday after Pentecost*

“Open My Eyes”

– Online greet time 9:15 a.m., worship begins at 9:30 –

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Welcome to worship!

Gathering and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music

Call to Worship

*One: Beloved, when hope is high, abundance surrounds us,
and we bask in the goodness of God's provision, God calls to us...*

Many: Open your heart and your hands.

*One: When disaster strikes, need overwhelms the senses,
and we carry the weight and worry of a perilous present and unknown
future, God calls to us...*

Many: Open your heart and your hands.

*One: When we are moved with compassion, our hearts urging us to reach out
to support our siblings in Christ, God calls to us...*

Many: Open your heart and your hands.

*One: Children of God, as we gather for worship today, listen!
God calls us to open our hearts and our hands to one another in need
and in abundance.*

**Many: May our worship open our hearts and our hands to one another
as we learn to share with one another in all seasons,
for we are all one in the Body of Christ. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“Lead Me, Lord”

UMH 473

Opening Prayer

**Many: Living and faithful Spirit,
the God in whom we live and move and have our being,
the God who is made known in Christ Jesus,
bless us one and all as we wait on you this day.**

May our hymns and prayers, our searching thoughts,
and our hearing of the Scriptures,
be an exercise in holiness.
By you, with you and for you,
may our lives publish your praise.
In the name of Christ Jesus. Amen!

Hymn of Praise

“Be Thou My Vision”

Baby Bells

Creating Connections

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Taffy Storck

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 3:5-10
Matthew 15:10-20

Hymn of Preparation “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH 454

Message

Deb Oferosky

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 882

Special Music

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Many: 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Gathering of our Tithes and our Offerings

The Doxology

UMH 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Many: **Generous God,
we offer our gifts with open hearts,
recognizing that our generosity
reflects our faith in you and your actions in the world.
May our giving be a reflection of the gospel in which we believe.
Help us to share according to what we have,
knowing that in the body of Christ,
we are bound together in a relationship,
offering help and hope to one another. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Lord, I Need You”

Benediction

Postlude

— Worship is over. The service begins. —

Please join us for fellowship & refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Liturgy citations:

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