

**NORTHRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

July 25, 2021

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July 25, 2021 10 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Introit

Welcome

Improvisation on Love Unknown

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

✠ *indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit*

✠ Call to Worship

Come from east and west, from north and south!

**From everywhere God has placed us, with everything God has given us,
as the people God made us—we come.**

Come, receive again the gift of grace!

Not for owning, not for boasting, but for celebrating—we come.

Come, discover again the way that leads to life!

Remembering who we are, seeking who we are yet to be—we come.

✠ Gathering Hymn #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to lay aside immaturity and walk in the ways of wisdom. But too often we revert to our silly and selfish ways; focusing on ourselves instead of others, fighting over issues that belong in the past, and fretting over the future with no sense of trust or imagination.

(silence for personal confession)

Holy God,

save us from ourselves and free us to embrace the promise you offer us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing the Peace

(You are invited to wave signs of peace.)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

✠ Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 11:28-37

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The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg
Summer Mixtape: Jesus Wept

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✦ Affirmation of Faith

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

✦ Affirmation Response

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

**Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Call To Give

(To give via text, send a text message to [1-844-958-4345](tel:1-844-958-4345) with the amount of the gift.
If you pledge, this offering will be applied to your pledge.)

William Billings

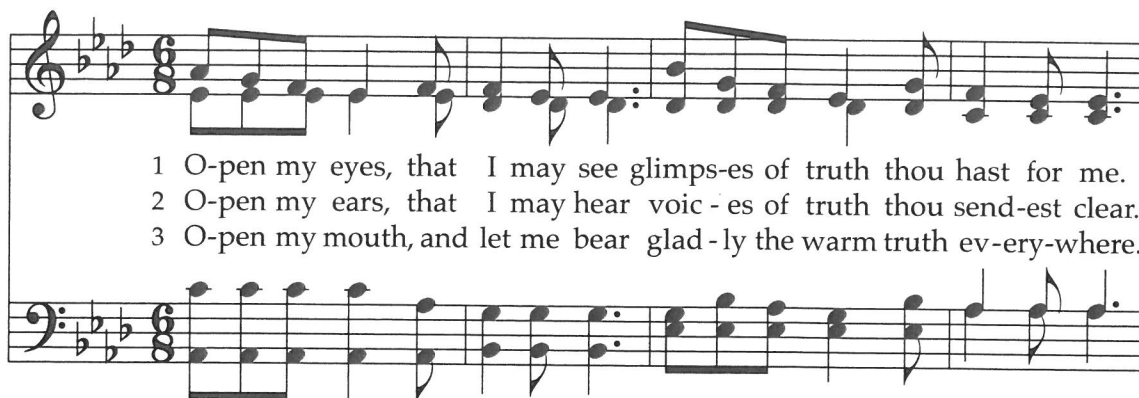
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore—One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

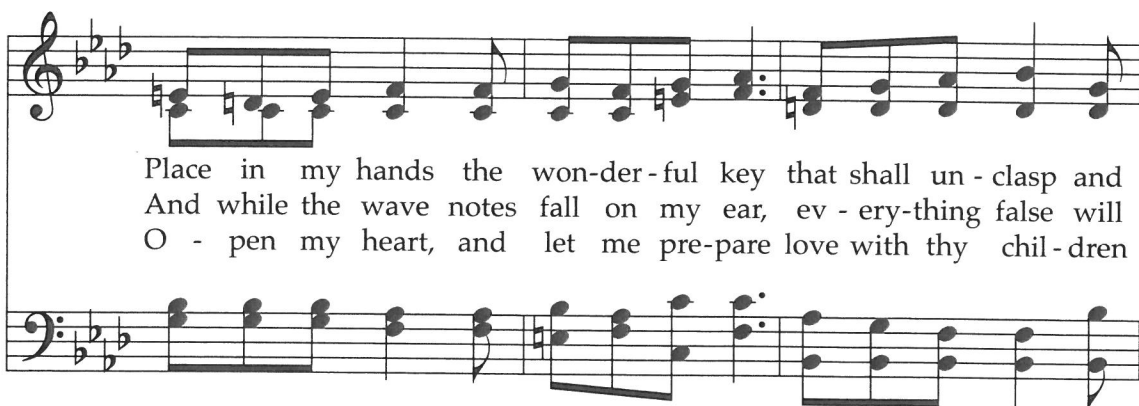
Please plan to join fellow Northridge friends right after worship this morning for a celebration marking Betsy's first year. Everyone is invited! A few nibbles and beverages will be provided. To honor this first year milestone, Northridge is sharing an honorarium for Betsy & Owen to a Northridge mission partner. We will gather in Quillin Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Rev. Elizabeth Lyles Swetenburg, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Bryan Page, Music Director
Julia Boudreaux, Organist
Rebecca Jones, Soundboard Operator

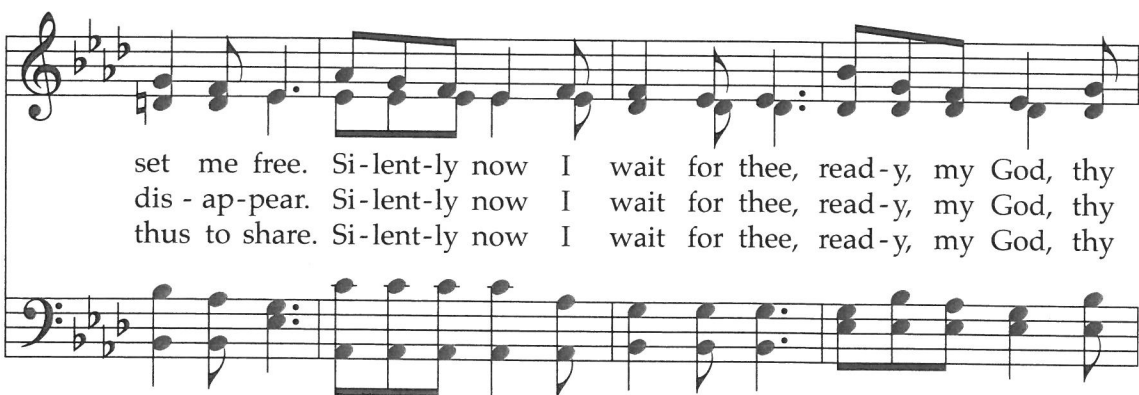
Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

(A) C (Em) Gm (B) D

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

(Em) Gm (D) F (G) B \flat (A/G) (F \sharp m) C/B \flat Am (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F

new flame's ea - ger might:
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare:

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

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God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn

Capo 3: (Am) (F) (Am) (F) (G) (C)
Cm A^b Cm A^b B^b E^b

1 God weeps with us who weep and mourn; God's
2 Through tears and sor - row, God, we share a
3 And yet be - cause, like us, you weep, we

(Am) (Dm) (Esus) (E)(C) (F) (Am)
Cm Fm Gsus G E^b A^b Cm

tears flow down with ours, and God's own heart is
sense of your vast grief: the weight of bear - ing
trust you will re - ceive and in your ten - der

(F) (G) (C) (Am) (Dm) (G7) (C)
A^b B^b E^b Cm Fm B^b7 E^b

bruised and worn from all the heav - y hours
ev - ery prayer for heal - ing and re - lief,
heart will keep the ones for whom we grieve,

(F) (Am) (F) (C)
A^b Cm A^b E^b

of watch - ing while the soul's bright fire burned
the bur - den of our ques - tions why, the
while with your tears our hearts will taste the

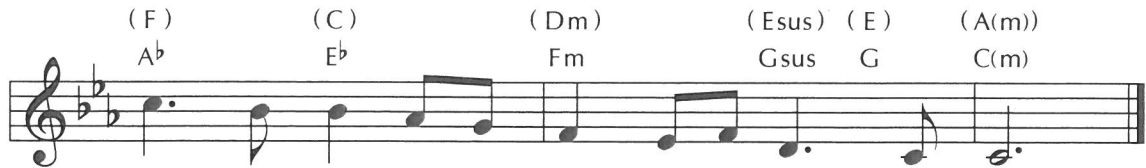
(Am) (C) (D) (Esus) (E)(C) (F) (Am)
Cm E^b F Gsus G E^b A^b Cm

low - er day by day, and pulse and breath and
doubts that they en - gage, and as our friends and
deep, dear core of things from which both life and

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This hymn especially appropriate for funerals began as a wordless tune composed upon reading the obituary of Thomas Layton Moshier, a friend who died from AIDS. Several months later the tune was sent to the author, who created this text incorporating a reference to Romans 12:15.

(F) (C) (Dm) (Esus) (E) (A(m))
 A^b E^b Fm Gsus G C(m)



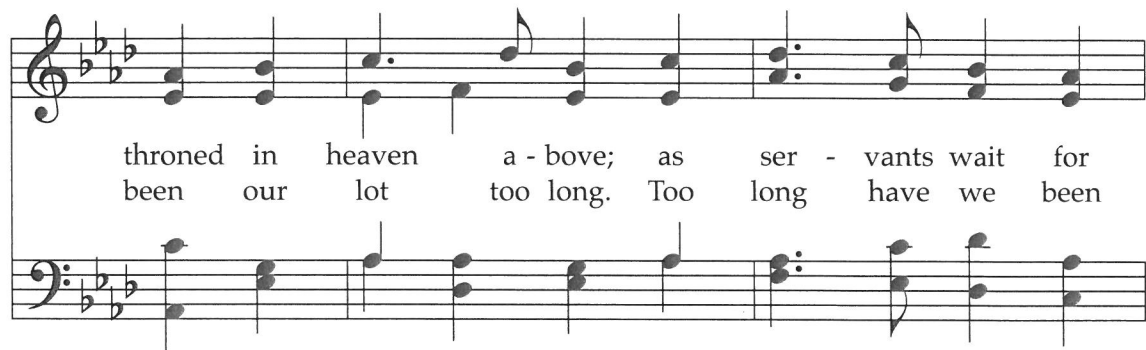
love's de - sire dimmed down to ash and clay.
 loved ones die, our hope - less - ness and rage.
 death are graced by love's re - new - ing springs.

To You, O Lord, We Lift Our Eyes 788

(Psalm 123)



1 To you, O Lord, we lift our eyes, to you en-
 2 Have mer - cy on us now, O Lord; con - tempt has



throned in heaven a - bove; as ser - vants wait for
 been our lot too long. Too long have we been



those they serve, so we look up and wait God's love.
 mocked and scorned, de - rid - ed by the proud and strong.

Psalm 123 is one of several "songs of ascents," likely sung by Jewish pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem for one of the three great annual feasts: Passover, Weeks, and Booths. As this paraphrase suggests, these were short psalms that could be easily memorized and sung together.