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# *Come and Worship the Lord*

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## **Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **Today is a day we have never seen before, and one we will never see again. Let's make the most of it!**

**Leader:** Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare a place for Christ in your lives.

**People:** **We will prepare for Christ to be before, during and after everything we do. We pray that others will see Christ in and through us!**

## **Prelude**

Hymn Medley

## \*Hymn No. 674

## See the Morning Sun Ascending

1. See the morn-ing sun as-cend-ing, ra-diant in the  
 2. So may we, in low-ly sta-tion, join the cho-ris-  
 3. For thy lov-ing-kind-ness ev-er shed up-on our  
 4. "Wis-dom, hon-or, power, and bless-ing!" with the an-gel-ic

east-ern sky; hear the an-gel voic-es blend-ing  
 ters a-bove; sing-ing with the whole cre-a-tion,  
 earth-ly way; for thy mer-cy, ceas-ing nev-er,  
 host we cry; round thy throne, thy name con-fess-ing,

in their praise to God on high! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 prais-ing thee for thy great love. Al-le-lu-ia!  
 for thy bless-ing day by day: Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Lord, we would to thee draw nigh. Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Glo-ry be to God on high!  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Glo-ry be to God a-bove!  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Glo-ry be to God al-way!  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Glo-ry be to God on high!

# \*Opening Prayer

Creator God, we know that preparation is needed for everything we do. We don't go into a test without studying, into the car without knowing where we are going or cook without ingredients. The same should be true for our faiths. As we begin each day, as we begin each task, help us to prepare first. You have given us the tools through your Holy Word. You have prepared us for a life of faith through Baptism. This hour, help us learn how to put your Word into action. Amen!

## Sacrament of Baptism

Callie Rae Combs

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

## \*Hymn No. 454

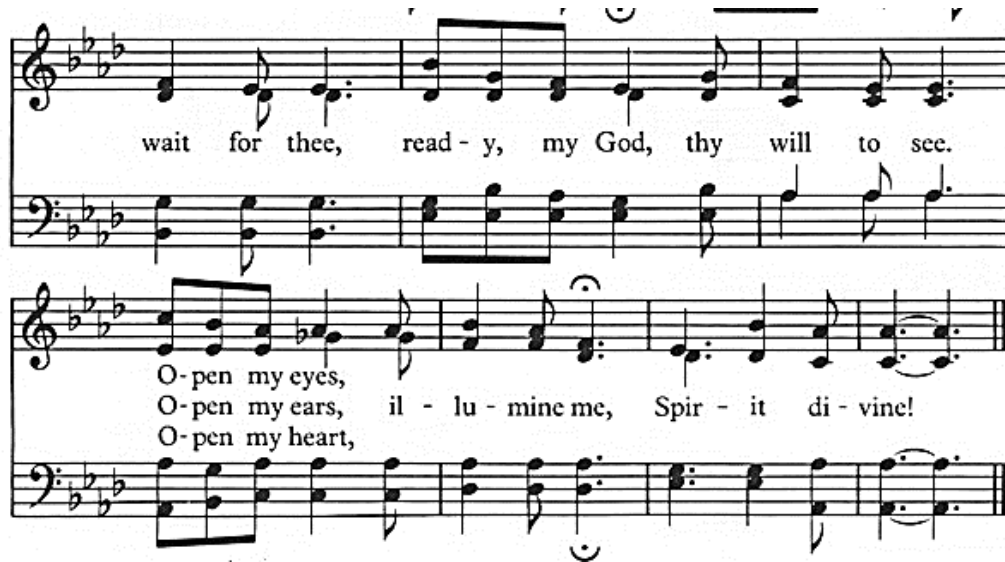
## Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou  
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou  
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won-der - ful key  
 send - est clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,  
 ev - ery-where; o - pen my heart and let me pre-pare

*Refrain*  
 that shall un-clasp and set me free.  
 ev - ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear. Si-lent - ly now I  
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

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## Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

### Scripture Lesson

1 Timothy 4:7-16

Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

**Special Music** – Tonya Neuweiler

**Message**

*Spiritual Olympics: Preparation*

**Offering Conversation**

## \*Hymn No. 156

## I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a -  
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it  
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re -  
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it

bove, of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his  
 seems than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en  
 peat what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly  
 best seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the

love. I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis  
 dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for  
 sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er  
 rest. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new

true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.  
 me; and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.  
 heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
 song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Who Is on the Lord's Side

Frances Havergal

*We are blessed to have Lisa Whitaker provide accompaniment on the piano this morning while Priscilla Cunningham is away.*

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