

That your faith should not stand in
the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:5 (KJV)

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February 8, 2026

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Yates

Liturgist: Steve Sproul

Psalmist: Cyndi Pitts

Greeter: Birgitta Gustafson

Ushers: Bill Cox, Craig Kelley, Virginia Kelley, Camise Kettner

Early Morning Security: Pat Gerlach

Flowers: Given in memory of Renee Nicole Good
and Alex Pretti

February Sanctuary Stewards: Arlene Thomas and Joy Sternberg

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music *“Duke Street” Variations* - by Anthony Giamanco

Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share Christ’s peace with each other.

Introit *Come, Worship God* Chancel Choir

Prelude *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* – arr. by Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 55) Steve Sproul

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

People: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

Leader: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return until they have watered the earth.

People: So shall my word not return to me empty but shall accomplish that which I propose.

All: So go forth in joy and sing the praises of our Lord.

***Hymn #14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Call to Confession Steve Sproul

Prayer of Confession (unison):

**All: Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our
hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.
Hear now our silent prayers.**

Silent Prayer

Choral Response *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*
(Please join the choir as we sing this together)

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #581 *Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri*

Prayer for Illumination Steve Sproul

Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-20 Steve Sproul

(This can be found on p. 880, in your pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading from the Psalter **Psalm 112: 1-9** Cyndi Pitts
(This can be found on p. 551-552 of your pew Bible.)

Anthem *Come, Sing to the Lord* Chancel Choir

Reading from the New Testament: I Corinthians 2: 1-16

(This can be found on p. 1039 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Who Knew?* Rev. Frank Yates

***Hymn #451** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

Choral Call to Prayer *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*
(Please join the choir as we sing this together)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering Steve Sproul

Offertory *Come Away to the Skies* - by Tracey Craig McKibbon

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication Steve Sproul

***Sending Song #546:** *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction *With Joy, We Depart*

Postlude *The Heavens Declare the Glory* - by William Barnett

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

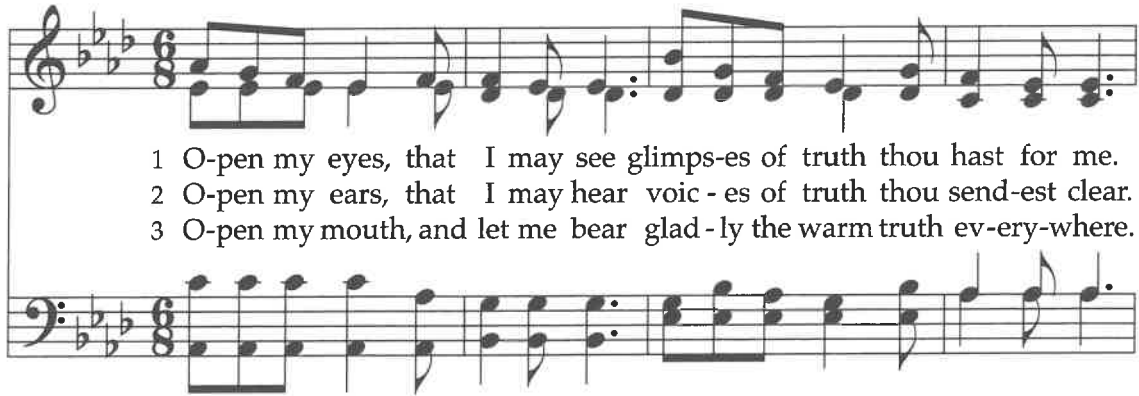
for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

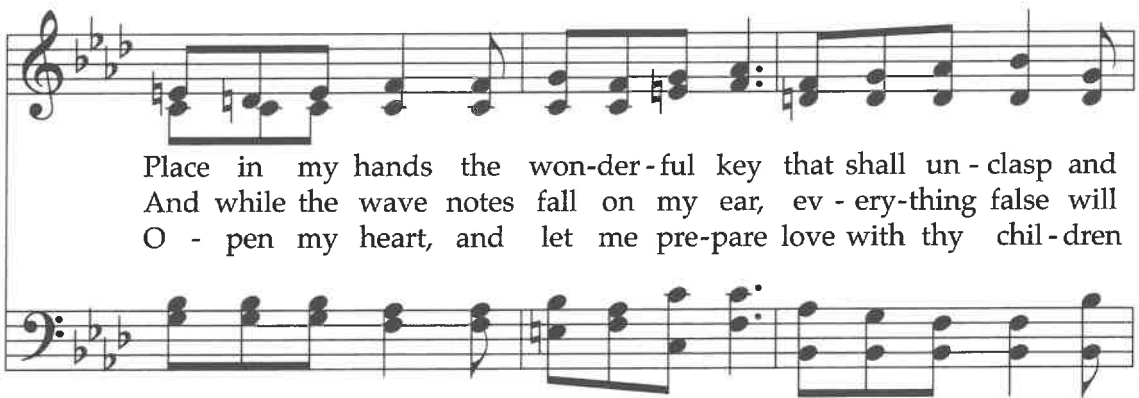
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

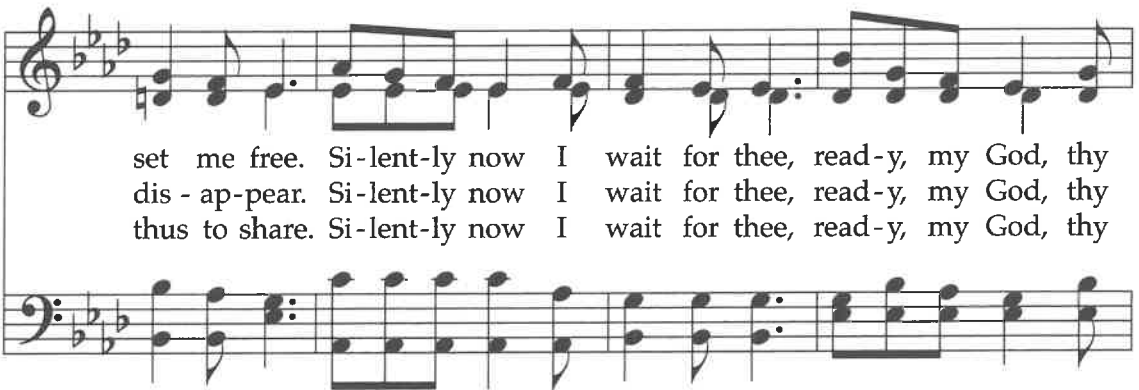
Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



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.

546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.