



September 20, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Dollars for Deacons Offering

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins

Liturgist: Meredith Beaton

Psalmist: Karen Beaton

Greeters: Leah & Pat Gerlach

Ushers: Marie Fry, Sharon Glass, Hazel Lathrop, Karen Williams

Flowers: Given by Steve Sproul & Victoria Flick,

In memory of Camelia Sproul

Early Morning Security: Bill Cox

September Sanctuary Stewards: Sharon Hovey & Hazel Lathrop

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music

Estas Entre Nos

Largo from Dvorak Symphony No. 9

How Great Thou Art

- Harp played by Lea Manuel

- arr. by Cindy Blevins

- arr. by Allie Robertson

- arr. by Carrie Tollet and Kevin Smuts

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

Channels Only

Chancel Choir

Prelude

Redeeming Love

- by Richard Williamson

Call to Worship (from Psalm 145)

Meredith Beaton

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

People: God's greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: From generation to generation, we sing of your
righteousness.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

ALL: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*Hymn #649

Amazing Grace

Call to Confession

Meredith Beaton

Prayer of Confession (unison):

Meredith Beaton

All: Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. Hear now, our silent prayers.

Silent Prayer

Choral Response *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Meredith Beaton

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)

Prayer for Illumination

Meredith Beaton

Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 145: 1-8 Karen Beaton

(This can be found on p. 569 of your pew Bible.)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Word Through Music *God Will Be There For You* Chancel Choir

Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 Meredith Beaton

(This can be found on p. 897 of your pew Bible.)

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *It's Not Fair* Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins

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

Choral Call to Prayer *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us; and grant us thy peace.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering Meredith Beaton

Offertory *Go Down Moses* - by sung by Chris Dyer

***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 Meredith Beaton

***Sending Song #647:** *Give Thanks*

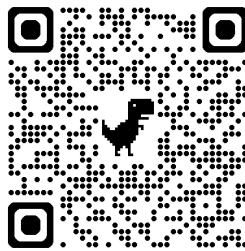
Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response *God Be With You – the Meeting's Over*

Postlude *To God Be the Glory* - by John Sciveynor

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*Please stand as you are comfortable.

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649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

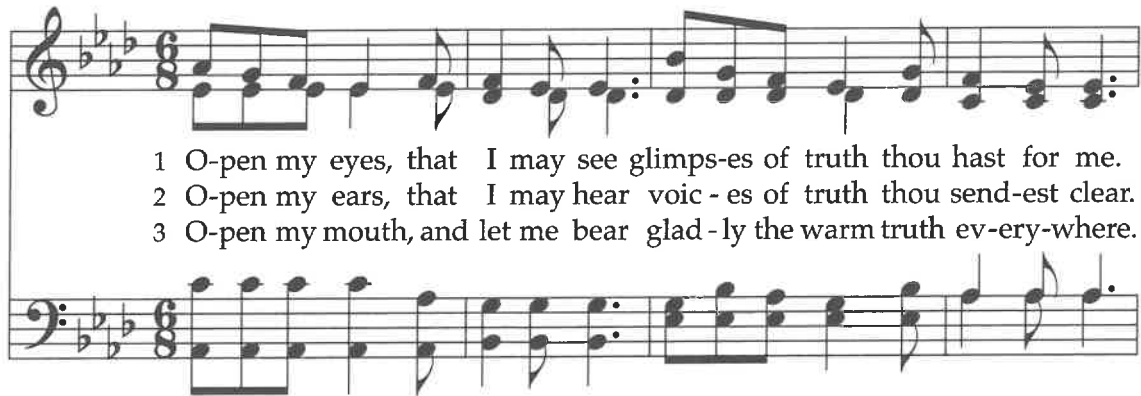
*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

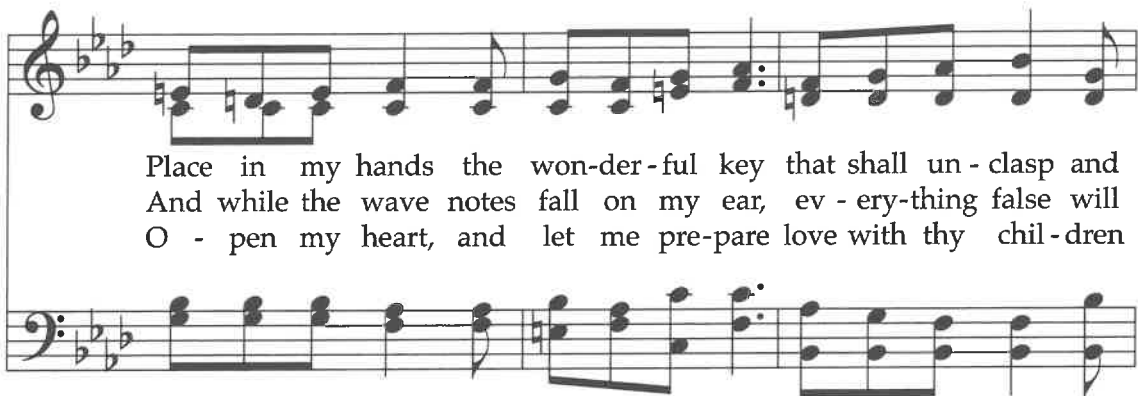
*Nizhóníígo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshítinígí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

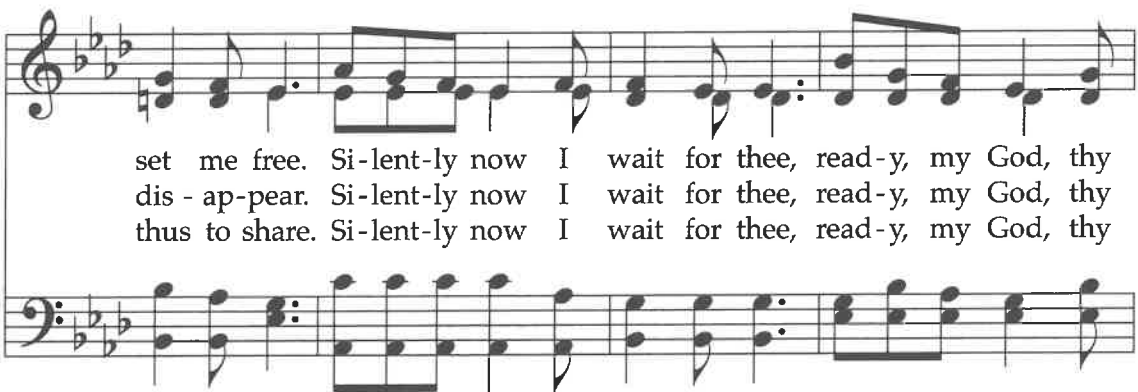
Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



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!
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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.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.