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“OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART”

[Chorus]

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

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[Verse]

To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

[Chorus]...[Verse]

[Bridge] x2

Holy, Holy, Holy.
Holy, Holy, Holy.
Holy, Holy, Holy,
I want to see you.

[Chorus]

CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). Many can recite this passage easily, without hesitation. But consider that word “all.” The dictionary defines it as “the greatest possible--used in referring to quality or degree.” That is a tall order. If we are to love the triune God—God the Father who created us and gave us purpose, God the Son who redeemed us, and God the Holy Spirit who brought us to and keeps us in faith—with every fiber of our being, we soon realize how difficult it is to do so. We know we have fallen short and so once again, we stand at the foot of the cross, pleading for the comfort that only God can give. Let us take a moment to silently confess our sins to God.

(Silence for private confession)

Worship Leader: And we continue together:

Congregation: Heavenly Father, I have sinned against you in more ways than I can count. I have sinned in my thoughts, by my words and with my actions. There are sins I know I have done and sins that I do not know I have done. Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sin, and take away my guilt.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our Heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness and give you his strength to live according to his will. Amen.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to

²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.

³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving

recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

"THY WORD"**[Chorus]**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

[Verse 1]

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

[Chorus]**[Verse 2]**

I will not forget your love for me
And yet my heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide, hold me to Your side
And I will love You to the end

[Chorus x2]

And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path

OUR TRUE SHEPHERD

Message based on Jeremiah 23:1-6

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord.

2 Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the Lord. 3 “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and

they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.

5 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David[a] a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.”

PRAYER

Following the prayer:

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

“KING OF LOVE”

[Verse 1]

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
And He is mine forever.

[Verse 2]

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth.
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

[Chorus]

Never failing, Ruler of my heart.
Everlasting, Lover of my soul.
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is

[Verse 3]

Lost and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

[Verse 4]

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

[Chorus]

[Bridge x2]

Oh-oh-oh,
Hallelu-jah, Hallelu-jah

[Chorus x2]

[Verse 5]

So through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise,
Within Your house forever;
Within Your house forever.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING

WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:

**Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise 😊.*



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