

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY WORSHIP

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17 May 2020

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## **Prayer of Preparation**

O loving God, through your grace you called us to know you in Christ and to keep your word.  
Because you live, we can face our future.  
So now, we come to worship asking you to empower us to stand firm for you.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

## **Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity**

### **Call to Worship**

The Lord heard our plea and through Christ sent us a Helper, the Holy Spirit.

**One who would be our guide and our reminder of all Christ taught us.**

One who would be present in all that we do or wherever we go.

**One who bears witness of the resurrection and eternity.**

The Holy Spirit is our gift so that we might know the Lord and have abundant life.

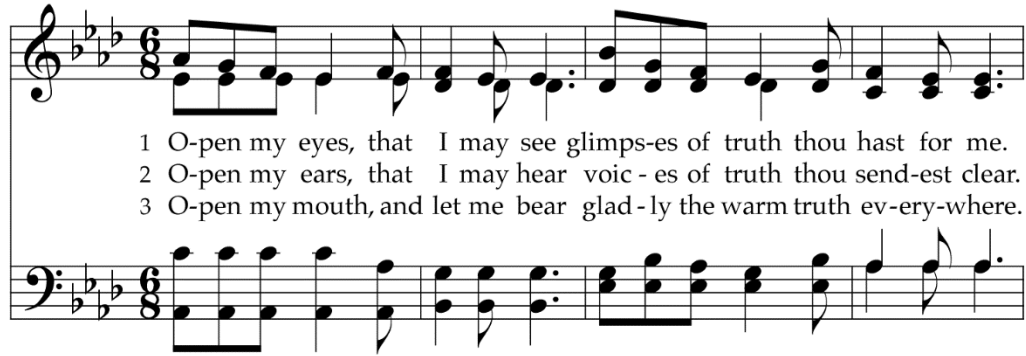
**Then let us give praise and lift our voices for all to hear!**

Together let us pray.

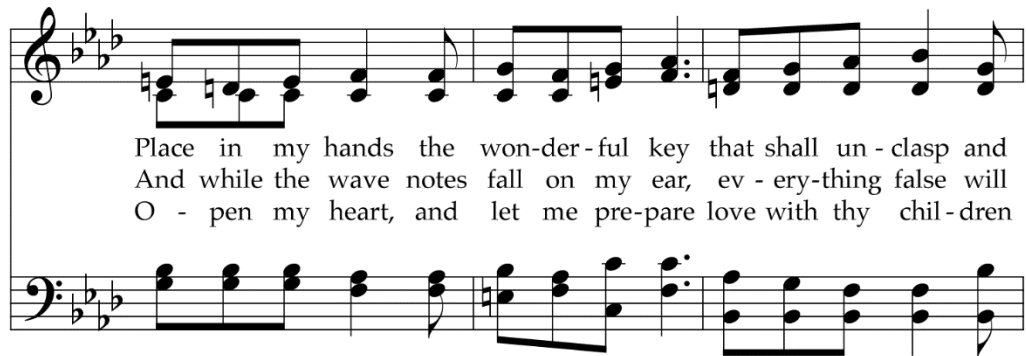
**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God.

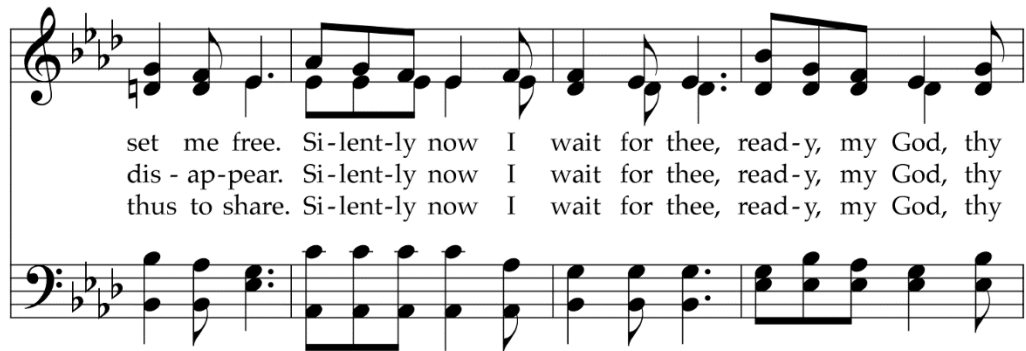
## Hymn 451 "Open My Eyes"



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



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### Call to Confession

Brother and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord, we choose to face life alone and ignore your Holy Spirit. We read in Scriptures only what we want to read, and we forget your promises to be with us in every way when we will turn to you. Help us to trust and open the doors of our hearts to your presence. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

### **Summary of the Law**

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Lesson** John 14:15-21

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Edward Bellis

**Anthem “O How He Loves You and Me”**

Tommy Hall and Susan Mabie, accompanied by Vance Harper Jones

**Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer**

Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

**Benediction**