



## INTER-FAITH CHAPEL WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

### SILENT MEDITATION

*Tender God, receive us, hear us, open us, and use us in the dark night of our lives.  
Gracious God, receive us, hear us, open us, and use us in the bright days of our lives,  
as only you can do.*

- A Collection of Prayers for Healing

### PRELUDE

*Old Rugged Cross*

Rev. Glenda Clay, Director of Gospel Choir

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Dr. Woodie Rea  
Senior Minister

### LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

### INTROIT

*Lord, I Know I've Been Changed*

Gospel Choir & Generational Joy Dancers

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Welcome to this next step on the Lenten journey.*

**ALL: We come with great hope and expectation.**

*One: We come this day seeking to encounter the Christ.*

**ALL: We come with concerns and questions that Christ alone can answer.**

*One: Let us step forward, even into the shadows, as we seek God's will in our lives.*

**ALL: It moves us, challenges us, and changes us.**

*One: We place our trust in God always.*

**ALL: Lord, lead our lives ever into the light. Amen.**

### INVOCATION

✦ You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.  
*Music used by permission, CCLI #1683224*

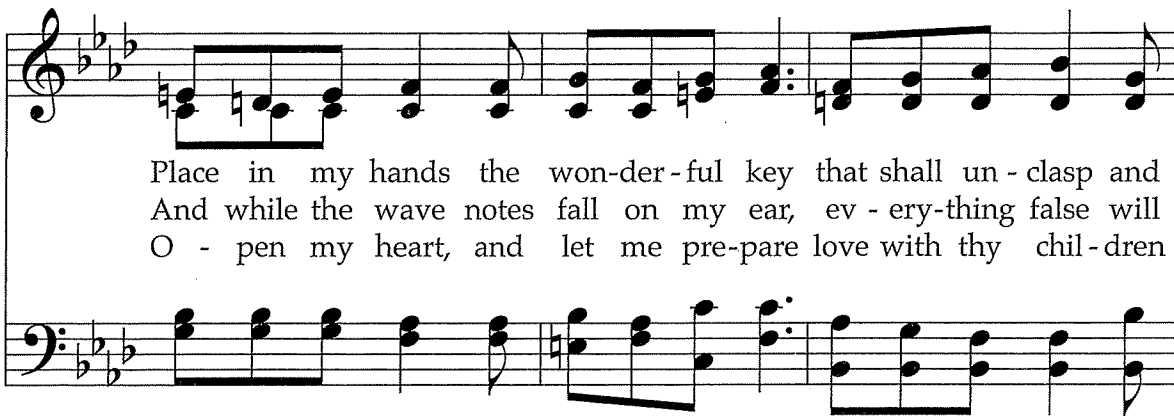
# Open My Eyes, That I May See



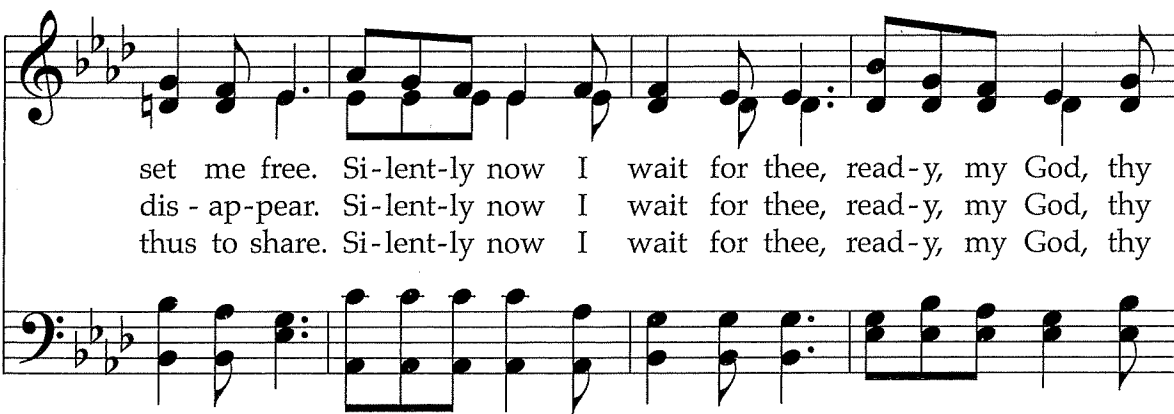
1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.  
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



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.

# ✠ OPENING HYMN

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Robert Perry  
Minister Emeritus

### KYRIE

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son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e  
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste  
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste  
e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e  
e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e  
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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## UNISON

Lord, we are stubborn people. We want to know all the answers, but we are nervous about seeking them in new places. We want to trust you, but when you call us to new teachings or new ways, our spirits often hesitate. Forgive us if we have become stagnant in our spiritual lives. Forgive our becoming content with the comfortable way things are always done. Forgive our fear, and help us to move ever into the light and life offered each day through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## **✠ AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**UNISON**

**We believe in God, infinite in love, supreme in wisdom, unlimited in power, and whose wonder and glory prevail over all things.**

**We believe Jesus the Christ to be the gift of God's immeasurable love, the expression of God's unfailing grace, the fulfillment of hope, and the promise of our deliverance.**

**We believe that through the Holy Spirit, the divine presence is actively engaged in our lives, offering guidance and direction in time of discernment, comfort and peace in time of distress, and providing strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the universal community of the faithful, and continuously in our lives through the service of love.**

**Therefore, we devote ourselves to seeking Jesus, through lives of daily prayer, study, service and reflection; and we commit ourselves to putting our trust in Him, for the sake of the transformation of the world. Amen.**

**- Adapted from Iona Worship Book**

## **✠ GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 3: 1-21**

## **MORNING PRAYER**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**UNISON**

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

*Jesus Purchased My Salvation*  
Gospel Choir with Farah Kidwai, Soloist

**SERMON**

“Emerging From Darkness”

Dr. Woodie Rea

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Fresh Anointing*  
Gospel Choir with Yvette Rogers, Soloist

✦ **DOXOLOGY**

Tune: Old Hundreth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

✦ **CLOSING HYMN**

*I Saw The Light*

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

*Near the Cross*  
Rev. Glenda Clay, Director of Gospel Choir

**PARTING THOUGHT**

*May you move through this day with joy, gratitude, and peace. May the light shine brightly in your night, and may love be manifest in many slight and subtle ways.*

– Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat

# I Saw The Light

I wandered so aimless, life filed with sin,  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

I saw the light, I saw the light,  
No more darkness, no more night.  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Just like a blind man, I wandered along,  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

I saw the light, I saw the light,  
No more darkness, no more night.  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

I was a fool to wander astray,  
Straight is the gate and narrow's the way.  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

I saw the light, I saw the light,  
No more darkness, no more night.  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

# ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

## **WELCOME**

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! The Inter-Faith Chapel is committed to providing “*A House of Prayer for All People.*” We are seeking to share the love of God through caring, outreach, study, and worship.

We extend a special welcome to our visitors. We invite you to sign our *Visitor Register* (and don’t forget to pick up an IFC coffee mug as our welcome gift).

## **NEW MEMBERS / AFFILIATES**

If you are interested in joining The Inter-Faith Chapel, or would like more information about this caring faith community, please let us know by signing the *Member / Affiliate Register* (located in the Narthex on the desk next to the coat room). We enjoy talking with others about The Chapel and would love to be in conversation with you.

## **LENTEN STUDY SERIES**

We continue our study of Amy-Jill Levine’s book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Week* on **Tuesdays through Lent at 1:30 PM** in our Fellowship Hall. Newcomers are still welcome.

## **LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

We hope that you will join us for one of our special Mid-Week Worship Services being offered on **Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon during the Lenten season.** Each week will feature special music along with a guest minister bringing a Lenten message on one of the “*Prayers of the Passion.*” Rev. Diane Hugger will be our guest preacher this Wednesday and this week’s message will be “*Into Your Hands.*”

## **LENTEN LUNCHEON**

The Outreach and Fellowship Committee invites you to a special Lenten Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Mid-Week Worship service on **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Come join us and enjoy some healthy homemade soup and salad! Please RSVP using the table in the Narthex.

## **LENTEN CENTERING PRAYER**

Enrich your Lenten season by joining others for a time of guided centering and quiet, reflective prayer and meditation. Each **Wednesdays during Lent from 6:00 – 7:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Sessions are led by Spiritual Director, Bertie Knisely. Please register by calling the Chapel office at 301-598-5312 or by emailing Bertie at [bertiek@moravian.edu](mailto:bertiek@moravian.edu).

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**CHAPEL OFFICE HOURS**  
**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM ♦ Monday – Friday**

***Rev. Dr. Woodie Rea, Senior Minister***

***Rev. Dr. Ramonia Lee, Minister of Congregational Life***

***Rev. Dr. Robert Perry, Minister Emeritus***

***Dr. Holly Oberle, Director of Music***

***Bonnie Bonner, Chapel Administrator***

***Joy Dufour, Administrative Assistant***

***Steve Buck, Gary Carpenter, Video Technicians and Sextons***