

### October 26, 2025

We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.

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### A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day October 26, 2025

#### Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

#### \*The Call to Worship

Liturgist: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Come sing, O church, in joy.

Liturgist: The Lord is our shepherd who leads us to green pastures and still waters.

People: Come sing, O church, in joy.

Liturgist: While we were still sinners, Christ Jesus died that we might be forgiven.

People: Come sing, O church, in joy.

Liturgist: As God sent Jesus into the world, so the Lord sends us as ambassadors of

reconciliation.

People: We raise our voices in praise to our wise and loving God.

\*Opening Hymn: Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

Please be seated.

#### A Call to Confession (Liturgist)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Offer your humble prayer in confidence and trust in God's mercy.

#### Unison Prayer of Confession (prayed aloud by all)

Mighty yet merciful God, we confess that we can be a stubborn people. Too often we are determined to go our own way without asking for your wisdom. As a result, we have missed opportunities to connect with others, we have been blind to pathways of peace, and we have not known the contentment of following your will.

**Silent Confession** Please take a moment for silent confession

#### Asking for God's Forgiveness

Liturgist: Let us now ask God's forgiveness.

People: Forgive us, O God, and teach us that we do not have to live life all on our own. Help us to remember that you are with us always and you are ready to share your wisdom when our hearts are open and our minds are receptive to it. With the gift of your wisdom, guide us in your ways of faith, hope and love. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: God has claimed you in Jesus Christ. You are loved and forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response to Confession: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

#### \*Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)

Anthem: Canticle of Praise

Children's Moment

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

God, source of all light, by your Word give light to our lives. Amen.

Scripture Lessons: James 1:1-8

**The Message:** Wisdom to Know the Difference

Hymn of Affirmation: Blessed Assurance

**Sharing Our Life Together** 

Offertory

Thanksgiving in Song:

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

\*Sending Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

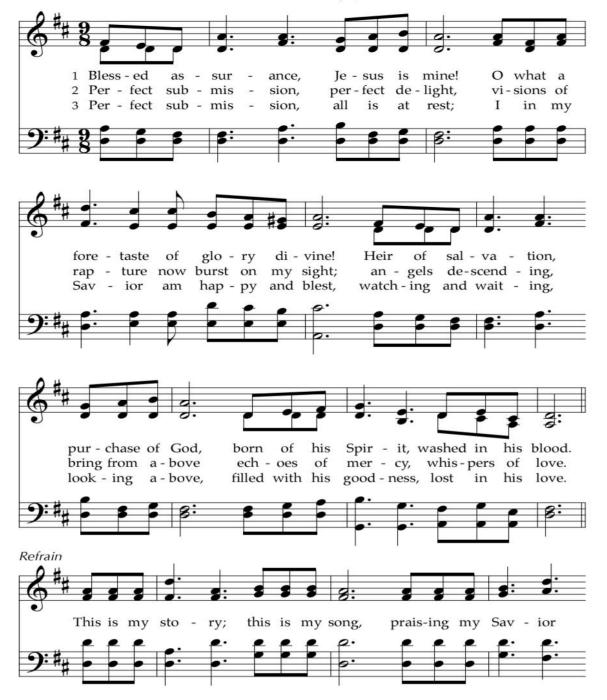
# Open the Eyes of My Heart

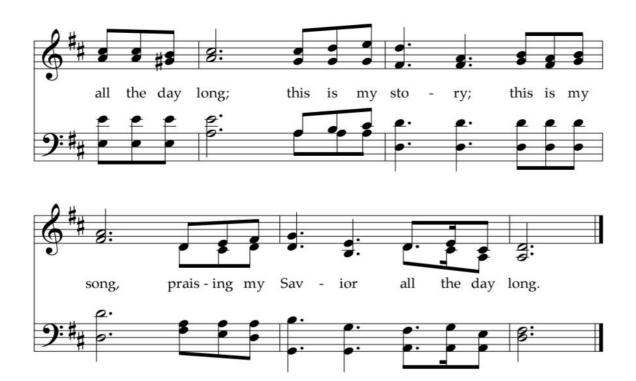


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### Be Thou My Vision

