

“Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.”

1 Samuel 16:12

God restores my soul.

Psalms 23:3

“Christ will shine on you.”

Ephesians 5:14

“How were your eyes opened?” **John 9:10**

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit 451, v. 1

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Seek

***+Hymn 175**

“Seek Ye First”

Prayer for Sight

I have lived on the lip of insanity,
wanting to know reasons,
knocking on a door.
It opens.
I have been knocking from the inside.

+Response 62

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

+Response 833, v. 1 - 2

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

Blessing the Nations

Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan

+Response 489, v. 1

*Wonder of wonders, here revealed: God’s covenant with us is sealed,
and long before we know or pray, God’s love enfolds us every day.*

First Pew

+Response 489, v. 3

*This child of God, though young or old,
we welcome now into Christ’s fold,
to know with us God’s loving care,
and all our joys and sorrows share.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Prayer for Illumination 451, v. 2

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 9, selected verses

Sermon

“The Soulful Self”

***+Hymn 698**

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

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THE BREAD OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Let the Lower Lights Be Burning”

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***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

***Sending 451, v. 3**

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love
with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

***Postlude**

The authentic self is the soul made visible.

Sarah Ban Breathnach

The soul always knows what to do to heal itself.

Caroline Myss

All true art must help the soul realize its inner self.

Mahatma Gandhi

You are a soul that shines through. **Creig Crippen**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Call to Seek

Jessica Van Roekel

Prayer for Sight

Rumi

Lesson Translation

New Revised

Standard Version

adapted

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Sunday, March 19 • Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

12:30 p.m. Youth Group - Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 20

6:30 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 21

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 22

11:00 a.m. Friends of Music team meeting - Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Mid Week Lenten Series Service - New Street United Methodist Church

Friday, March 24

12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer via Zoom

Saturday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Breaking the Silence - Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 26 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

MUSIC NOTES: The late 19th Century Introit, Sung Prayer for Illumination, and Sending Hymn were written and composed by the first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn was written as a meditative singing of Scripture. The late 20th Century Prayer for Wholeness Response summarizes the Great Commandment. The late 19th Century Response to the Declaration is set to a tune composed for the patroness of Scotland. The late 20th Century Response to the Blessing of the World and First Pew was written by a beloved Presbyterian hymn writer (and former mentor of Pastor Gusti!). The late 20th Century Sermon hymn is a chant from the Iona Community. The Communion Response is an 8th Century Latin text set to music from the Taizé community.

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Season of Lent

Fourth Sunday

March 19, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**Today's Assignment,
A Prescription From Dr. E., excerpt**

Anything you do from the soulful self
will help lighten the burdens of the world.
Anything.

You have no idea what the smallest word,
the tiniest generosity
can cause to be set in motion. ...

Be brave, be fierce, be visionary.
Mend the parts of the world
that are "within your reach."
To strive to live this way
is the most dramatic gift
you can ever gift to the world.

Consider yourselves assigned.

Clarissa Pinkola Estés

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