



Ask

July 18, 2021 | 9:00am
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

** indicates to please stand as able*

Gathering & Greeting

***Introit**

Open Our Eyes¹
Words and Music by Bob Cull

FWS #2086

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

***Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

from Psalm 119

Open our eyes and ears, Lord.

Transform us by your Word!

O God, you are righteous

Transform us by your Word!

Your judgments are upright

Transform us by your Word!

Your precepts are unforgettable

Transform us by your Word!

Give us understanding and we will live

Re-form us, reconcile us,

Transform us by your Word!

***Hymn of Praise**

Wonderful Words

UMH #600

Words and Music by Philip P. Bliss

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

REFRAIN:

**Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

Christ the blessed one gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list' to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven. (Refrain)

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. (Refrain)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Small Talk

Prayer Concerning the Scriptures

UMH #602

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word in Song

Ancient Words²
by Lynn DeShazo

Chancel Choir
Chris Dancy, soloist

*“Ancient words ever true,
Changing me, changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.”*

The Church's Letter

2 Timothy 3:16-17, NRSV

16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Question:

Knowing that the Bible was written by numerous authors over a long period of time and then hand copied many times, and that the present canon was not set until the 5th Century C.E., is it really reliable? Can we trust the Bible we have is accurate?

The Message

Ask:

Rev. Robert Clark

“The Bible We Have”

***Hymn of Response** Come, Holy Ghost,
Our Hearts Inspire

UMH #603

Hymn by Charles Wesley, Tune: WINCHESTER OLD

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us thine
influence prove;
Source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.

Come, Holy Ghost, for moved by thee the prophets
wrote and spoke,
Unlock the truth, thy self the key, unseal the sacred book.

Expand thy wings, celestial Dove, brood o'er our
nature's night;
On our disordered spirits move, and let there now
be light.

God, through the Spirit we shall know if thou
within us shine,
And sound, with all thy saints below, the depths of
love divine.

Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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Offertory

Kim Spivey, piano

Doxology

tune: Old 100th

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 FORTH

Blessing over Vacation Bible School

*Hymn

The Love of God

by Frederick Martin Lehman & Claudia Lehman Mays

REFRAIN:

O love of God, how rich and pure!

How measureless and strong!

**It shall forever more endure the saints' and angels' song
(repeat)**

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of
parchment made,

Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe
by trade,
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched
from sky to sky

REFRAIN:

O love of God, how rich and pure!

How measureless and strong!

**It shall forever more endure the saints' and angels' song
(repeat)**

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Benediction Hymn

1. Open Our Eyes

Bob Cull

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