

What Defiles?

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

February 16, 2020 Sunday Worship at 10:30am



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart" & "Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus"

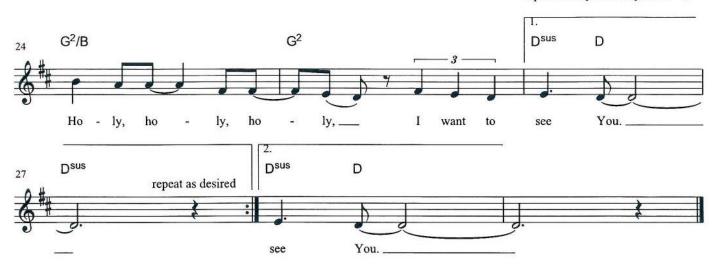
Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Words and Music by Paul Baloche



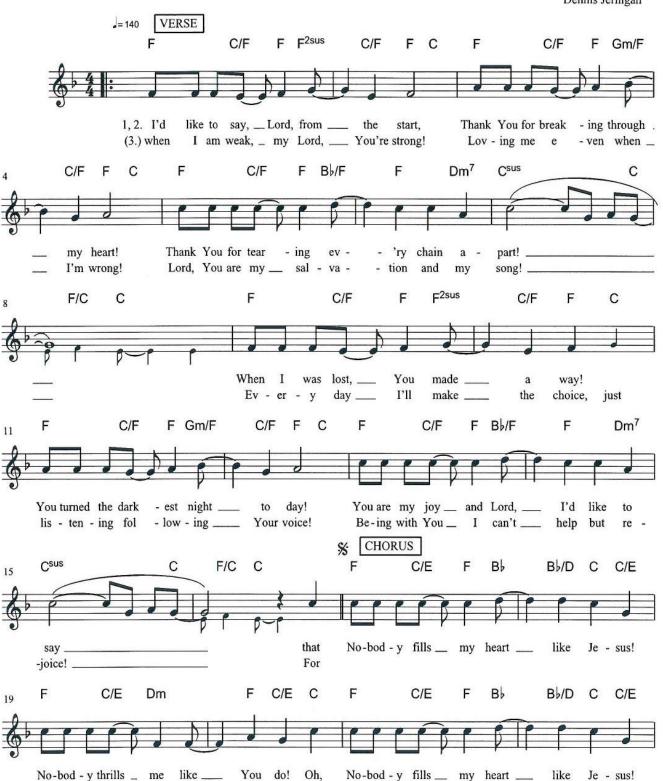
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Open The Eyes Of My Heart - 2



Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus

Words and Music by Dennis Jernigan





Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome, River Source, Clipboards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the Stranger, You created us and the world good. You created people in your image. Help us to see the miracle of your love and presence in strangers and friends. Amen.

Meet Someone New

Worship Leader: As followers of Jesus we believe that there are no strangers – only friends we have yet to meet! Now is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones! Feel free to move about and say hi to someone you don't know very well or at all – or remain where you are, if you prefer.

"Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus" to bring people back together.

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of the infinite giving and receiving Triune God – God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. God is with you!

And also with you.

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence for reflection.

Dear faithful God,

We have not loved you with all of our hearts.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We deny your goodness, your presence, your light in others and ourselves.

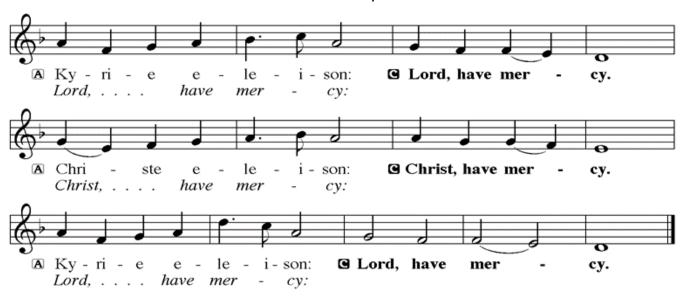
We put distance between us when we fail to respond to someone who is hurting.

We pretend that love is weak and that the little things don't matter. We are sure that someone else knows better or will take care of it. We don't treat creation as good but as something to use and abuse. We destroy your created beauty out of ignorance and greed. We act as if we are not responsible. We fail to respond to your call to do justice. We seek our own comfort. We live like your teaching doesn't matter compared to what the world teaches us. We are certain that we can save ourselves.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We believe in a God who is good and who created us good. Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is the one who makes us new, reminds us of our goodness from God. Children of God, you are loved, you are forgiven, today and every day. Let us rejoice in this good news! **Amen!**

KYRIE ELEISON – "Lord, Have Mercy"







Prayer of the Day

O Lord,

you know what we carry in our inmost hearts. Fill us with the things which promote life, and purge us of all that distorts and defiles from within, for the sake of Jesus our Lord, amen.

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Mark 7:1-23

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator:

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them,

- "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."
- Side 2: Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, "Honor your father and your mother'; and, "Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.'
- Side 1: But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, "Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God) -- then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

Side 2: Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)

Narrator: And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come

from within, and they defile a person."

Narrator: Stay tuned for the continuing story that is our story and God's story. The

Word of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon –

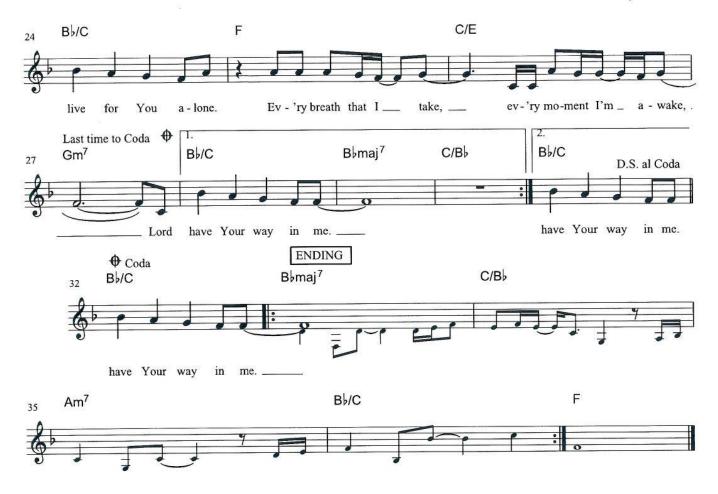
Hymn - "I Give You My Heart"

I Give You My Heart

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan



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Prayers of the People

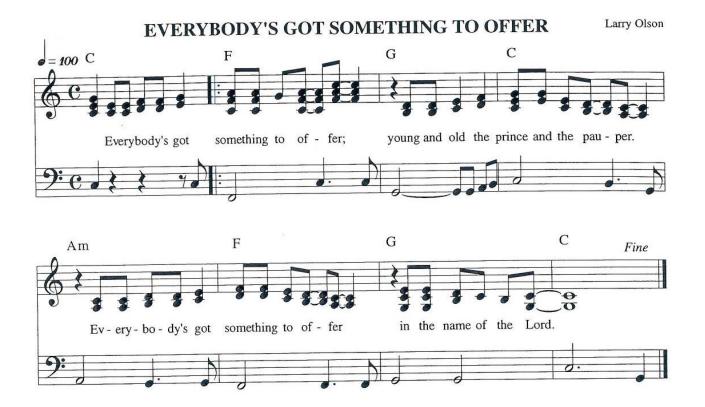
Reader: Lord, we are in need of your mercy.

All: hear our prayer

Offering

Worship Leader: We are grateful for your financial gifts; it's the only way churches are churches. Set up automatic giving by going to our website, riverofhopehutchinson.org click "give" & go from there.

Offering Song "Everybody's Got Something to Offer"



THE FEAST

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

There is room for you at this table. So come, you that have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.

God so holy, full of grace, make the world a better place.

Give us the food we need for today.

Forgive us our wrongs when we go astray.

Help us always to do good, and love others, like we should.

God we love you; we are yours. Swing wide open heaven's doors.

Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" & "Change My Heart, Oh God"

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



Change My Heart Oh God

Words and Music by Eddie Espinosa



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Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, My past, O Lord, I entrust to your mercy. My presence to your love. My future to your faithfulness. Thank you for this good gift of life. Amen.

THE SENDING

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

(Please Be Seated)

Purpose Sightings

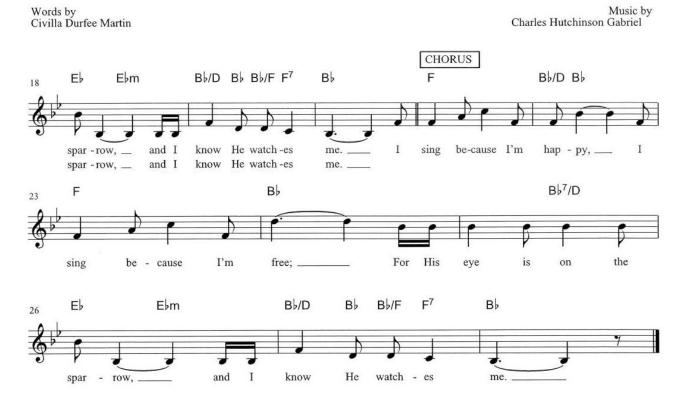
Worship Leader: There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up!

MILESTONES! "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

The congregation will sing before Milestones – CHORUS only.

If you've got a good or hard milestone in your life and can share it in a few sentences, meet me at the baptismal font and throw a water drop in as you share your milestone.

His Eye Is On The Sparrow



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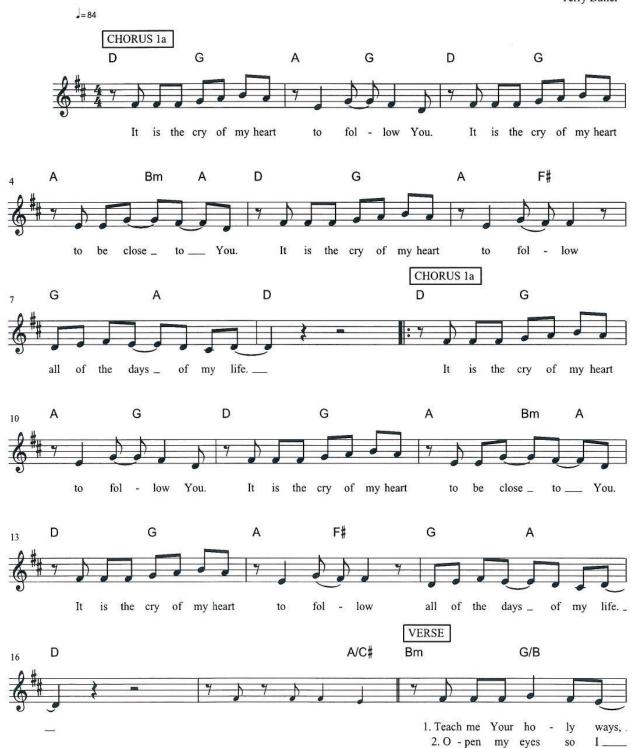
Final Blessing

May the light of Jesus show you the way; may the goodness of God be found every step of the way, and may God's Holy Spirit renew and inspire you. Remember, you are loved. Live in the promise of this never-ending love.

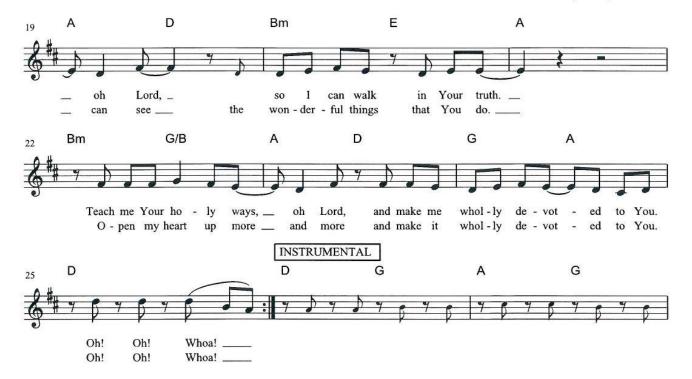
Sending Song "Cry Of My Heart"

Cry Of My Heart

Words and Music by Terry Butler



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Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God Music to Send You Out