
WORSHIP AT HOME

Call to Worship:



Open My Eyes that I may See, page 454

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of Truth Thou hast for me...

Open my ears that I may hear voice of Truth Thou sendest clear...

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm Truth everywhere...

**These Doors are
Open to You!
Jesus asks,
“What do you
want”...when
you enter?**

We are preparing the Way to re-enter Corporate Worship in our Church Buildings. In the name of Christ, I invite you to mediate on the above lines from Open My Eyes, That I May See.

Shall we prepare our Way? John the Baptist Prepares the Way of the Lord. Our Way prepares us through singing, recitation, hearing a Message, and giving tithes and offerings. Will we Give our ways to God to Receive eyes that see Jesus; ears that hear Jesus; mouths who are the voice of One crying in the wilderness, “Make straight the WAY of the Lord”?

As we prepare to re-enter Corporate Worship let us be clear about we want? The Disciples of John the Baptist said they wanted to know where Jesus stays.

I see Him staying in Mercy until the people with Him hunger and thirst for Grace Greater than All Our Sins, page 365.

I see Him staying in Grace until the people with Him hunger and thirst for The Gift of Love, page 408.

I see Him staying in Love until the people with Him hunger and thirst to Pass It On, page 572

Let's BE the Hymns we want to SING!

Shall we re-enter Corporate Worship wanting our ways or to experience where Jesus stays?

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Confession



Lord, fear leads us to a place of survival! Is this where You would have us Stay?

Lord, sin leads us to a place of shame, guilt, and blame. Is this where You would have us Stay?

Lord, forgiveness leads us to a place to give you our fear and sin. Is this where You would have us stay?

Lord, Grace leads us to a place to abide in your presence. Is this where You would have us stay?

Lord, Love leads us to see ourselves through your eyes. Is this where You would have us stay?

Lord, Peace leads us to see our neighbor as self. Thank you for inviting us to come and see where you Stay.

Affirmation of Faith: Affirmation From Romans. 8:35, 37-39 (adapted)

"Who shall separate us from the the Love of Christ?"

Shall those who insist we wear face mask?

Shall those who give us protocols to protect us from the way of the world?

Shall those who insist we practice social distancing?

No! In. All things we are more than conquerors through the ONE who loved us!

We are more than conquerors! We are the voice of One crying in the Wilderness. We prepare the way of the Lord through mercy, grace, love, and Holy Communion!

The Word

John Testifies About Jesus

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' **31** I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. **33** And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' **34** I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

The Message: What Do You Want?

Holston Conference churches are preparing to return to Corporate Worship. When we walk through the doors of the Church Building will we have taken the time to answer Jesus' question. Jesus asked John's Disciples, "what do you want?"

In the name of Christ, "What do you want?"

Do you want the hymnal and pew Bible or do you want to know where Jesus stays?

Do you want to sit in your Pew, or do you want to know where Jesus stays?

Do you want to sing your favorite hymns, or do you want to know where Jesus stays.

Do you want to protest, or know where Jesus stays. Will you protest wearing a mask? Will you protest using hand sanitizer? Will you protest social distancing? Will you protest the signs on the doors of the Church Building that tell you to Enter ONLY, or EXIT Only?

Are we willing to Give what we want to God to Receive Jesus?

Will we give our protest to God to Receive Jesus. Will we give our way to God to believe in Jesus Name? Will we give our authority and power to God to receive power to become children of God.

I promise you this: When we walk through the doors of the Church Building we will come to receive what we want.

Do we want to know where Jesus stays?

Do we want to be the Voice of the One crying in this Pandemic-Protecting Wilderness who makes straight the way of the Lord.

John the Baptist tells us where Jesus' stays! John has eyes to see the one upon whom the Spirit remains like a dove. Friends, the dove is the symbol of God's Peace! Jesus stays in Peace.

What is the Way to Peace?

Those who seek justice Give their protest to God to Receive Jesus' mercy. Stay in Mercy till you hunger and thirst for Grace!

Those who love mercy Give their hearts and minds to God to Receive Jesus' Grace. Stay in Grace till you hunger and thirst for unconditional love.

Those who Receive Jesus' Grace Give their Sin to God to Receive Jesus' Love. Stay in Love till you hunger and thirst to love your neighbor as self.

Those who Receive God's Love Give their neighbor Jesus' Mercy to invite them to Come and See Jesus for themselves.

As we prepare to re-enter Corporate Worship who will we Come and See?

Benediction

Where He leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow; I will go with him all the way. Page 338.

Is He leading you to return to Corporate Worship?

Is He leading you to Worship at Home?

Is He leading you to Worship Online?

Is He leading you to open your home, shady area, screened porch to host a group of less than 10 people for discipleship?

Is He leading you to receive Mercy?

Is He leading you to receive Grace?

Is He leading you to receive Love?

Is He leading you to receive His Peace?

Is He Leading you to receive His Spirit?

Is He Leading you stay in Holy Communion?