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Prelude “Open May Eyes That I May See”

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Welcome

Opening Words

One: When we are made aware that some among us are experiencing systemic injustice...

Many: We pray to learn from one another.

One: When we wish to work for peace and justice but struggle to find the right words or actions...

Many: We pray to learn from one another.

One: When our responses to injustice reflect the beautiful diversity represented in each one of us...

Many: We pray to learn from one another.

One: We ask for God to help us as we work for justice, peace and shalom for all created beings.

Many: We pray to learn from one another.

One: May it be so. And may all the people say,

Many: Amen.

Opening Response “Make Us One” Carol Cymbala

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Make us one God, make us one; Ho - ly Spir - it, make us
one. Let your love flow so the world will know we are
one in you. Make us you.

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Prayer of Invocation

God of our diversity, draw us close in spirit as we enter into this time of worship. Help us learn from the witness of each one of us, and help us transform our learning into action, for the sake of Your comprehensive wellbeing for all creatures God loves. Amen.

Word in Song “New Beginnings” Handchimes

Ron Mallory

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Reading

The Jewish leaders didn't believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents. The Jewish leaders asked them, "Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?"

His parents answered, "We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. But we don't know how he now sees, and we don't know who healed his eyes. Ask him. He's old enough to speak for himself."

His parents said this because they feared the Jewish authorities. This is because the Jewish authorities had already decided that whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be expelled from the synagogue. That's why his parents said, "He's old enough. Ask him."

Therefore, they called a second time for the man who had been born blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know this man is a sinner."

The man answered, "I don't know whether he's a sinner. Here's what I do know: I was blind and now I see."

They questioned him: "What did he do to you? How did he heal your eyes?"

He replied, "I already told you, and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

They insulted him: "You are his disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses, but we don't know where this man is from."

The man answered, "This is incredible! You don't know where he is from, yet he healed my eyes! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners. God listens to anyone who is devout and does God's will. No one has ever heard of a healing of the eyes of someone born blind. If this man wasn't from God, he couldn't do this."

They responded, "You were born completely in sin! How is it that you dare to teach us?" Then they expelled him.

For the wisdom contained in these words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Jacob Nault

Hymn "God of Change and Glory"
NCH #177 Tune: Katherine



God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new-ness of each night,



when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
you have made us dif - ferent, bless-ing man - y kinds.
you are still cre - at - ing end-less love and light.



In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to
As the old ways dis - ap-pear, let your love cast out our
This we see, as shad-ows part, man-y gifts from one great



praise. Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in
fear.
heart.



man-y ways. In our dif - fer - ence is bless-ing, from di - ver - si -



ty we praise one Giv-er, one Word, one Spir-it, one God



known in man - y ways, hal-low-ing our days.



For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How Shall We Join God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join
Your work in the world. Amen

Closing

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