

Pine Island United Methodist Church

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

UMCOR Sunday

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Love, Hope, A Place to Belong

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** - You are invited to stand at these times.*

Hymns numbered 2000 are from "The Faith We Sing" (black), hymns numbered 3000 are from "Worship and Song" (green)

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Centering

Centering Scripture

John 9:34-38

Centering Song

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

3008

* Call to Worship

by Mary Scifres, alt.

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come into the light of God.

People: Christ's brightness will guide our way.

Leader: Come into the wisdom of God.

People: The Holy Spirit's insight will reveal new truths.

Leader Come into the praise of God.

People: Worship opens new doors in our hearts.

* Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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(All verses 1-3, Men verse 4, Women verse 5, All verses 6-7)

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

by Mary Scifres, alt.

Our gracious Master and our God, guide our steps, open the eyes of our hearts, and fling wide the doors of our minds to perceive as you perceive. Open our lives to love as you love. Open our world to become the world you envision for your creation.

Help us perceive the possibilities of fullness; the possibilities of shalom, the healing peace of wholeness; the possibilities of your realm on this earth. Then guide us to help us live into the divine reality you show us. Amen.

For All of God's Children

"Where Children Belong"

2233

Scripture Reading

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-41

Margie Berg and Betsy Carney

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message

"On the Road to the Cross: Truly Seeing Jesus"

Response Hymn

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" (*sing twice*)

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Celebration of Baptism (*rescheduled to April 19*)

Baptismal Covenant II

(p. 39-43)

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Ourselves, Our Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

* Doxology

* Offertory Prayer

“A Lenten Doxology”

Dub Shepherd



Holy Communion with Jesus Christ

Jesus' Words of Institution and the Epiclesis

The Lord's Prayer

895

Our Father, who art in Heaven; hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving the bread and cup

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Prayer (in unison)

(p. 11)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opportunities for Growth and Service

* Breakthrough Prayer

Holy Spirit, break through to renew and revive our church, unleashing new life. Empower us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of abundant, eternal life.

Transform and boldly use us, without limits, delays, or excuses, to reach new people, to make new disciples of Jesus Christ, and to transform the world. Amen.

* Closing Hymn

“Open My Eyes, that I May See”

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* Dismissal with Blessing

by Sharon McCart, alt.

Leader: Go into the world, carrying the light of Christ into the darkness!

People: We go, with our hearts full and our eyes opened by Jesus!

Leader: Accept God's love and care. Share that love and care with others!

People: We go, with our eyes reflecting God's light and with our hands open and sharing it!

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

* Postlude

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On April 19, we will celebrate the baptism of Elsie James Needham. Elsie is Alex and Bruche's daughter and Ruby and Marlo's sister. She was born on September 4, 2025. Her sponsors are Sarah and Ben Larson.

John 9:1-41 (CEB)

¹ As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. ² Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"

³ Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. ⁴ While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means *sent*). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

⁸ The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?"

⁹ Some said, "It is," and others said, "No, it's someone who looks like him."

But the man said, "Yes, it's me!"

¹⁰ So they asked him, "How are you now able to see?"

¹¹ He answered, "The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, 'Go to the Pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and then I could see."

¹² They asked, "Where is this man?" He replied, "I don't know."

¹³ Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man's eyes on a Sabbath day. ¹⁵ So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

The man told them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶ Some Pharisees said, "This man isn't from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law." Others said, "How can a sinner do miraculous signs like these?" So they were divided. ¹⁷ Some of the Pharisees questioned the man who had been born blind again: "What do you have to say about him, since he healed your eyes?"

He replied, "He's a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jewish leaders didn't believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents. ¹⁹ The Jewish leaders asked them, "Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?"

²⁰ His parents answered, "We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. ²¹ 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." ²² 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.

²³ That's why his parents said, "He's old enough. Ask him."

²⁴ 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."

²⁵ 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."

²⁶ They questioned him: "What did he do to you? How did he heal your eyes?"

²⁷ 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?"

²⁸ They insulted him: "You are his disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but we don't know where this man is from."

³⁰ The man answered, "This is incredible! You don't know where he is from, yet he healed my eyes! ³¹ We know that God doesn't listen to sinners. God listens to anyone who is devout and does God's will. ³² No one has ever heard of a healing of the eyes of someone born blind. ³³ If this man wasn't from God, he couldn't do this."

³⁴ They responded, "You were born completely in sin! How is it that you dare to teach us?" Then they expelled him.

³⁵ Jesus heard they had expelled the man born blind. Finding him, Jesus said, "Do you believe in the Human One?"

³⁶ He answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him."

³⁷ Jesus said, "You have seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you."

³⁸ The man said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped Jesus.

³⁹ Jesus said, "I have come into the world to exercise judgment so that those who don't see can see and those who see will become blind."

⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard what he said and asked, "Surely we aren't blind, are we?"

⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you wouldn't have any sin, but now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

LENT
BYOS(andwich)
To the Basement Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

LENT
BYOB(ible)
To the Basement Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

If you are with us for the first time, we are delighted you are here! Here are some things that might be helpful to know...

- A **Children's Area** with coloring books, activity bags and a rocking chair is in the rear of the Sanctuary.
- **Restrooms** are in the Office and Education Wing, and an **accessible restroom** with a **changing table** is next to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen in the basement beneath the Sanctuary.
- **Sermon texts** are available on the table in back if you would like to follow along or if you get distracted during the service.
- All are invited by Jesus and welcomed when we have **Holy Communion**. **Gluten Free** wafers are available if needed. It is the tradition of the United Methodist Church to use grape juice.
- Please join us for **Coffee Fellowship** this morning. You are also welcome and invited to be a part of all our **church activities**. A weekly schedule is included in this worship bulletin.
- **Any Questions?** Please ask someone sitting near you or an usher.

Thanks for being here today!

The flowers on the Communion Table for the last Sundays in Lent are given in **Memory of Helen Arndt**.

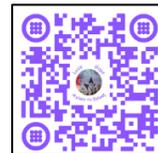
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Prayer Joys & Concerns for March 15, 2026

- Mary Gillard, Don Sanford, Michael Mancilman, David Laechel, Gloria Budd, Michala Sinning, Keith, Susan Moffitt, Tyler Anderson, Chaplain Pat Olafson, Bruce Robinson, Lois and LaMoyne Bruce, Alicemay Clark
- Our new pastor who will be serving Pine Island
- The families of Bruce Robinson, Ken Rueber, Marie Rolbiecki, Barbara Kroger, Gwen Norris
- All those with cancer
- Families who are going through difficult times and emotional turmoil
- Victims of violence and warfare, and wisdom for those in leadership
- President Donald Trump, those who advise him, and our governmental leaders
- Local, state, and federal law enforcement officers, Minnesota National Guard soldiers
- Our worldwide United Methodist Church in our new era of ministry to all whom Jesus loves
- Peace for the people of Ukraine, the Middle East, and Sudan
- For new people who will hear about us and connect with our congregation
- Baiwalla UMC & school in Sierra Leone
- Thanks to God for all our blessings

Church Calendar for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday Worship (Live stream at www.facebook.com/piumc)
	10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
Monday	6:00 pm	International Fellowship of Chaplains Grief Group
	10:00 am	Pine Island Small Group
	1:00 pm	Pine Haven Small Group
Tuesday	5:15 pm	TOPS
	8:30 am	Emerging Ministry Team
	6:00 pm	Growing as Disciples Group
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	3:30 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Lenten Sandwich Fellowship
Thursday	7:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study
	11:30 am	Pine Island Ministerial Meeting
	1:00 pm	Zumbrota Care Center Small Group
	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting
	5:00 pm	Worship Planning Team
	7:00 pm	Worship Rehearsal
Friday	6:30 am	Speakers 101 Club
	10:00 am	Pine Island Small Group
Saturday	7:00 pm	Al-Alon
	11:00 am	Ken Reuber Celebration of Life and Resurrection
Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday Worship (Live stream at www.facebook.com/piumc)
	10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	6:00 pm	International Fellowship of Chaplains Grief Group



“Open The Eyes of My Heart” #3008

(Chorus)

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

(Verse)

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

(Bridge)

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #57

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” #349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth
will grow strangely dim,
in the light of his glory and grace.

A Lenten Doxology

Praise God
throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord,
whom God did raise.

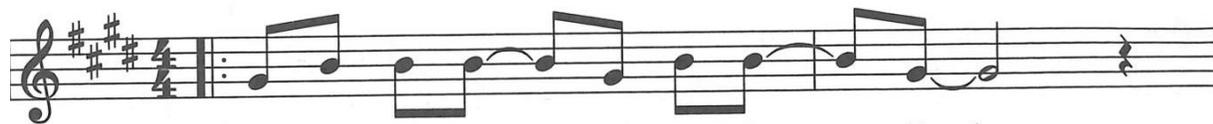
And praise the Spirit
who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts.
Amen.

"Open My Eyes, that I May See" #454

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!
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!
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!

3008

Open the Eyes of My Heart



O - pen the eyes of my heart, - Lord,



o - pen the eyes of my heart; - I want to see you,



I want to see you. O - pen the eyes of my heart, -



- Lord, o - pen the eyes of my heart; - I want to



see you, I want to see you. To see you



high and lift - ed up, - shin - ing in the light of your glo -



ry. Pour out your pow - er and love -

Third time to Coda 



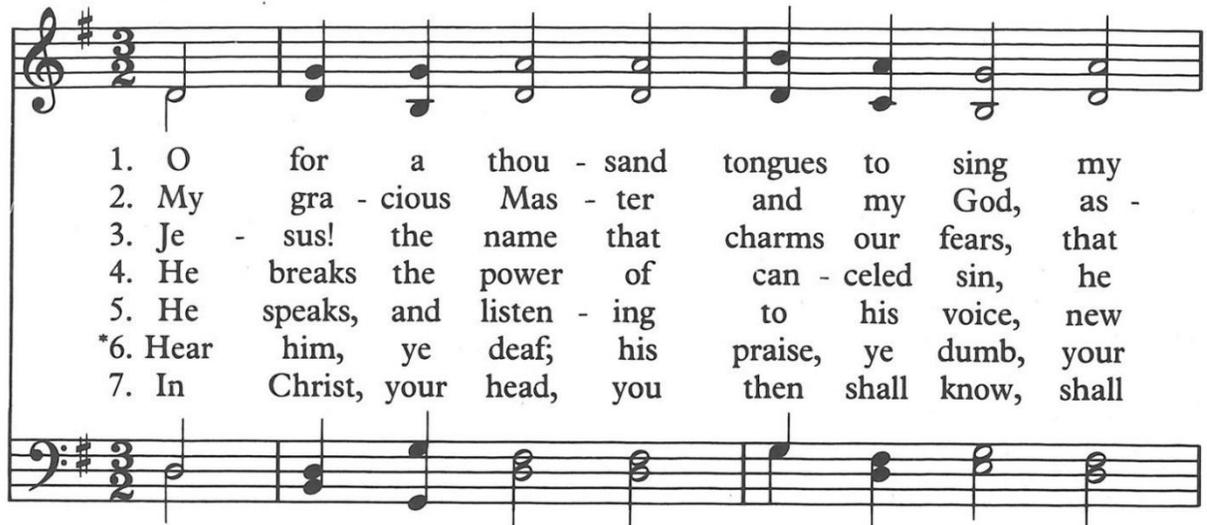
- as we sing. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

D.S. al Coda

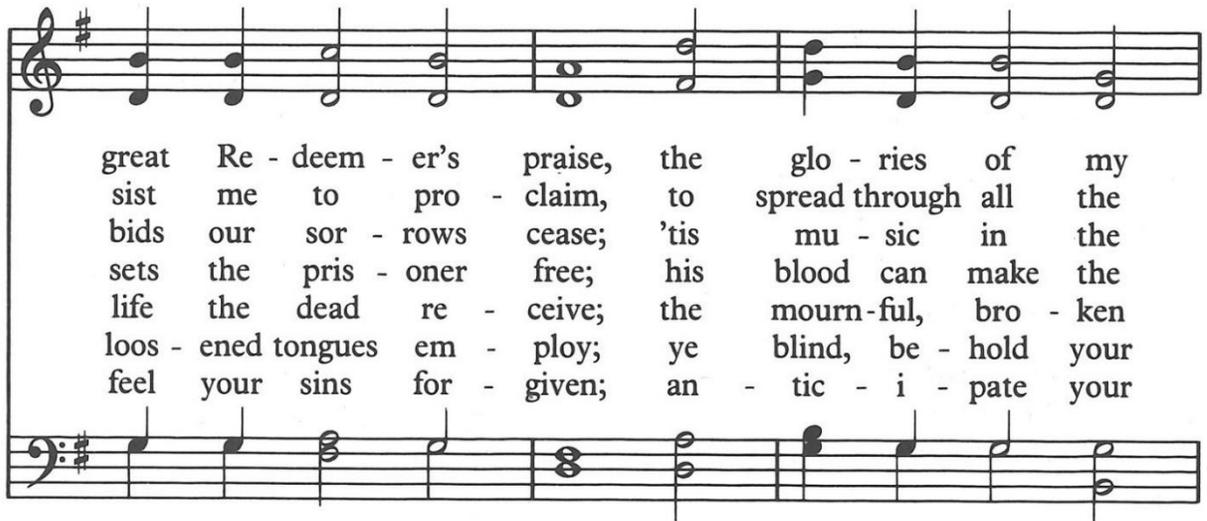


ly. ly. To see you

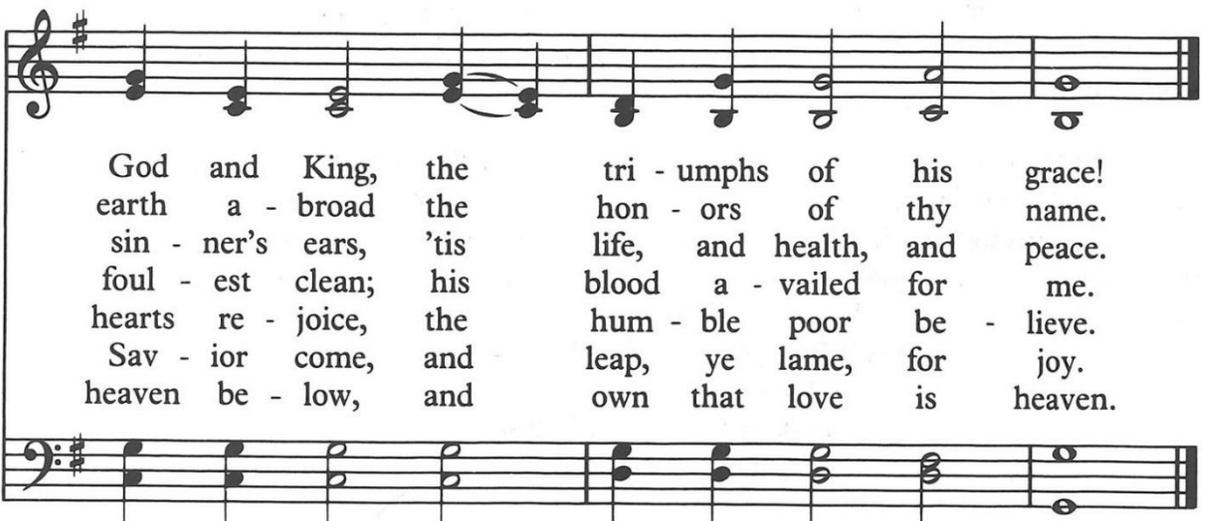
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing 57



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
 4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, he
 5. He speaks, and listen - ing to his voice, new
 *6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your
 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - oner free; his blood can make the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your
 feel your sins for - given; an - tic - i - pate your



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
 foul - est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.
 hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
 heaven be - low, and own that love is heaven.

*May be omitted

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739

MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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Alt. tune: RICHMOND

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

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Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in his
won - der - ful face, and the things of earth will grow
won - der - ful face,
strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

WORDS: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922
MUSIC: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

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A Lenten Doxology

Praise God through - out these for - ty days. Praise

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace on the left. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The treble staff contains the vocal line with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains the piano accompaniment.

Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir - it who im -

The second system of musical notation continues the piece with the same key signature and time signature. It features the same vocal and piano parts.

parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece with the same key signature and time signature. It features the same vocal and piano parts.

WORDS: G. W. Dub Shepherd, 2006
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

Refrain

that shall un - clasp and set me free.
 ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,