

## Order of Worship for Sunday, March 15, 2026

Welcome/Announcements		Pastor Tom
Lighting of the Christ Candle		Pastor Tom
* Opening Hymn	"When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee"	UMH #263
Opening Prayer		Pastor Tom
Children's Message		Frank Blakeman
Hymn of Praise	"Open Our Eyes"	FWS #2086
The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts		
Offering Music		Andrew Davis
* Doxology		UMH #94
	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow.</i>	
	<i>Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia</i>	
	<i>Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts</i>	
	<i>Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia</i>	
Prayers of the People & The Sung Lord's Prayer (FWS #2278)		Pastor Tom
	<i>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.</i>	
Hymn of Preparation	"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"	UMH #465
Scripture Reading	John 9:1-41	Matt-Daven Affi
Message	Opened Eyes	Pastor Tom
* Closing Hymn	"Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone)	WS #3104
* Benediction		Pastor Tom

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK – March 15, 2026

What are some ways we might be "spiritually blind" today, and how can we ask Jesus to heal our vision?

## John 9:1-41 - Matt-Daven Affi

As Jesus walked along, he saw someone who had been blind from birth. The disciples asked Jesus, "Rabbi was it this individual's sin that caused the blindness, or that of the parents?"

"Neither," answered Jesus, "It wasn't because of anyone's sin—not this person's, nor the parents'. Rather, it was to let God's works shine forth in this person. We must do the deeds of the One who sent me while it is still day—for night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

With that, Jesus spat on the ground, made mud with his saliva and smeared the blind one's eyes with the mud. Then Jesus said, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" "Siloam" means "sent." So the person went off to wash, and came back able to see.

Neighbors and those who had been accustomed to seeing the blind beggar began to ask, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said yes; others said no. The one who had been healed simply looked like the beggar. But the individual in question said, "No, it was me." The people then asked, "Then how were your eyes opened?" The answer came, "The one they call Jesus made mud and smeared it on my eyes, and told me to go to Siloam and wash. When I went and washed, I was able to see." "Where is Jesus?" they asked. The person replied, "I have no idea."

They took the one who had been born blind to the Pharisees. ' It had been on a Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud paste and opened this one's eyes. The Pharisees asked how the individual could see. They were told, "Jesus put mud on my eyes. I washed it off, and now I can see."

This prompted some Pharisees to say, "This Jesus cannot be from God, because he doesn't keep the Sabbath." Others argued, "But how could a sinner perform signs like these?" They were sharply divided. Then they addressed the blind person again:

"Since it was your eyes he opened, what do you have to say about this Jesus?" "He's a prophet," came the reply.

The Temple authorities refused to believe that this one had been blind and had begun to see, until they summoned the parents. "Is this your child?" they asked, "and if so, do you attest that your child was blind at birth? How do you account for the fact that now your child can see?"

The parents answered, "We know this is our child, blind from birth. But how our child can see now, or who opened those blind eyes, we have no idea. But don't ask us— our child is old enough to speak without us!" The parents answered this way because they were afraid of The temple authorities, who had already agreed among themselves that anyone who acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why they said, "Our child is of age and should be asked directly."

A second time they summoned the one who had been born blind and said, "Give God the glory instead; we know that this Jesus is a sinner." "I don't know whether he is a sinner or not," the individual answered. "All I know is that I used to be blind, and now I can see."

They persisted, "Just what did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" "I already told you, but you won't listen to me," came the answer. "Why do you want to hear it all over again? Don't tell me you want to become disciples of Jesus too!"

They retorted scornfully, "You're the one who is Jesus' disciple. We're disciples of Moses. We know that God spoke to Moses, but we have no idea where this Jesus comes from."

The other retorted: "Well, this is news! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes! We know that God doesn't hear sinners, but that if people are devout and obey God's will, God listens to them. It is unheard of that anyone ever gave sight to a person blind from birth. If this one were not from God, he could never have done such a thing!"

"What!" they exclaimed. "You're steeped in sin from birth, and you're giving us lectures?" With that they threw the person out. When Jesus heard of the expulsion, he sought out the healed one and asked, "Do you believe in the Chosen One?" The other answered, "Who is this One, that I may believe?" "You're looking at him," Jesus replied. "The Chosen One is speaking to you now." The healed one said, "Yes, I believe," and worshiped Jesus. And Jesus said, "I came into this world to execute justice to make the sightless see and the seeing blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were nearby heard this and said, "You're not calling us blind, are you?" To which Jesus replied, "If you were blind, there would be no sin in that. But since you say, 'We see', your sin remains."

# 263 When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee

*Leader* F C F B $\flat$  C *All* Am

1. When Je - sus the heal - er passed through Gal - i - lee,  
 2. A par - a - lyzed man was let down through a roof.  
 3. The death of his daugh - ter caused Jai - rus to weep. Heal  
 4. When blind Bar - ti - mae - us cried out to the Lord,  
 5. The lep - ers were healed and the de - mons cast out.

Dm Gm C7 F *Leader* Am Dm

us, heal us to - day! the deaf came to hear and the  
 His sins were for - giv - en, his  
 The Lord took her hand, and he  
 His faith made him whole and his  
 A bent wom - an straight - ened to

Gm C7 F Am *All* Dm F C7 F

blind came to see.  
 walk - ing the proof.  
 raised her from sleep. Heal us, Lord Je - sus!  
 sight was re - stored.  
 laugh and to shout.

6. The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos  
 Heal us, heal us today!  
 to make the sick whole and to spread the good news.  
 Heal us, Lord Jesus!
7. There's still so much sickness and suffering today.  
 Heal us, heal us today!  
 We gather together for healing and pray:  
 Heal us, Lord Jesus!

# Open Our Eyes

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O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je -  
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis -

sus, to reach out and touch him, and  
ten. O - pen our eyes,

say that we love him. Lord, we

Repeat ending D.C. Song ending  
want to see Je - sus. sus.

WORDS: Bob Cull (John 12:21; Eph. 1:17-18)

MUSIC: Bub Cull

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OPEN OUR EYES  
Irregular

# The Lord's Prayer

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Ⓐ *Leader*

Our Fa - ther \_\_\_\_\_ in heav - en, \_\_\_\_\_

Ⓐ *All*

Our Fa - ther \_\_\_\_\_ in

1

ho - ly is your name. \_\_\_\_\_

heav - en, \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly is your

to Ⓑ 2

ho - ly is your name. \_\_\_\_\_

name. ho - ly is your name. \_\_\_\_\_

*Fine*

WORDS: Matt. 6:9-13  
MUSIC: Anon.; arr. by Al Oppenheimer

LORD'S PRAYER (OPPENHEIMER)  
Irregular

(B) 1, 2

Your king-dom come, your  
will be done, on  
earth \_\_\_\_\_

(B) 1, 2

— — — — —  
Your king-dom come,  
your on will be done,

3 (C)

— as in heav-en. Give

3 (C)

earth \_\_\_\_\_ as in heav-en.

1-3 4

us to-day our  
dai - ly bread; for-  
give us our sins as  
we for-give those who

1-3 4

— — — — —  
Give us to-day  
our dai - ly bread;  
for - give us our sins  
as we for-give those

sin a - gainst us.

— — — — —  
who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of and de-  
 tri - al, al, and de-  
 liv - er us from  
 e - vil. For the

king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo - ry are yours, for -

king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo - ry are yours, for -

ev - er, for -

ev - er, For the

ev - er, and

for - ev - er, ev - er.

# Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered verses.

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, Truth di - vine, dawn up -  
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, glow with -  
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Power di - vine, fill and  
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, Right di - vine, King with -

on this soul of mine; Word of God and  
in this heart of mine; kin - dle ev - ery  
nerve this will of mine; grant that I may  
in my con - science reign; be my Lord, and

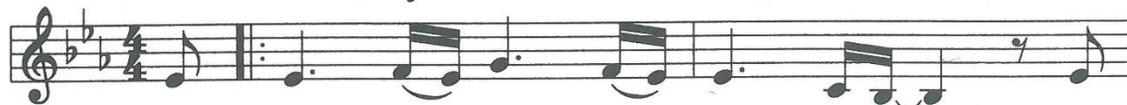
in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
high de - sire; per - ish self in thy pure fire.  
strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

WORDS: Samuel Longfellow, 1864  
MUSIC: Adapt. from Orlando Gibbons, 1623

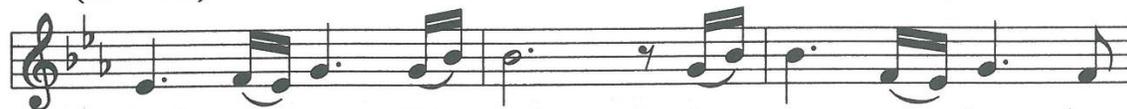
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# Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that  
 (2. 'Twas) grace that taught my heart to fear; and  
 (3. The) Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 (4. The) earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 sun for - bear to shine. But God who called me

*Last time to Coda* ⊕ 1

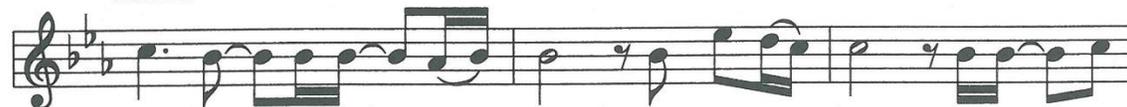


now am found; was blind, but now I see. 2. 'Twas  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be -  
 por - tion be as long as life en -  
 here be - low, will be for - ev - er

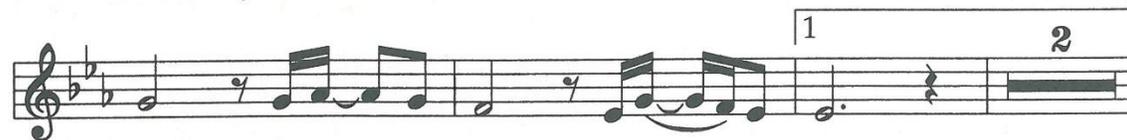
2, 3 *Refrain* §



lieved. My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my  
 dures.



Sav - ior, has ran - somed me. And like a flood his mer - cy



reigns, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace.

2 *D.S.* 3



⊕ CODA

3. The grace. My chains are grace. 4. The



mine, will be for - ev - er mine. You are for - ev - er mine.