**GATHERED FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE, OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME, & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that id did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when it is revealed we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. - 1 John 3:1-2*

**WORSHIP IN SONG**

**SONG:***“Open The Eyes Of My Heart[[1]](#footnote-1)”*

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***

**SONG:***“Nothing More” by the Alternate Routes*

**HYMN: *“****The Summons[[2]](#footnote-2)” (v. 3)*

***Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?***

***Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?***

***Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,***

***And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?***

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God of love, we thank you for your patience.  
You have given us many guides and helpers to inspire us, and have given us the word that one day we shall be as Christ Jesus is;  
yet we have been slow to hear, reluctant to learn and sluggish in our efforts.  
We repent our lack of faith and love, and ask that the love of Jesus Christ which so healed and uplifted the saints, may mercifully deal with our sins and empower our renewed good intentions by the presence of your Holy Spirit.  
Through Christ Jesus our Savior we pray. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PASSING OF PEACE**

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**REVELATION 7:9-17** After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ 11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12singing, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’ 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ 14I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
 the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

**MATTHEW 5:1-12** When Jesus\* saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 ‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 ‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 ‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 ‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 ‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely\* on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*HYMN:** *#299* ***“****For All the Saints” (vs. 1-4)*

**JOYS & CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, in your mercy… **Hear our prayers.**

**PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)**

**OFFERING**: Thank you for [supporting our ministries!](https://trumbullcongregationalchurch.breezechms.com/give/online)



**SENT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN:** #333*, “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

***To add to our prayer list please email Pastor Tim with a brief description of your prayer. Please indicate if you would like the prayer to be listed on an ongoing basis.*** [***tim.hare@trumbullcc.org***](mailto:tim.hare@trumbullcc.org)***.***

~Eric and Laura Farrell: prayers of healing and strength after Eric received his kidney transplant

~Herb Gratrix, continued healing

~Muirgheal Coffin, prayers for continued good health as she struggles with Epilepsy

~Ilana Ofgang, health concerns

~Rose Heiser, Angela Hare’s mother, struggling with health concerns

~Keisa McPartland, recovering from surgery in treatment of her cancer

~Michelle Consolati, recovering from hip surgery

~Christine Plumeau and family mourning the death of Chris’ sister, Lisabeth Ann Weber

~Kirsten Nestro and family, including her mother, Dorothy, grieving the loss of Kirsten’s

father, Peter.

~Robert Flemming, Jo Ann Hunt’s son, who is working at Malayaka House, a home

for at-risk children in Uganda. Prayers also for Viola and all the children at Malayaka House who

are grieving the loss of Viola’s daughter, JoAnn.

~Stephanie Marko, Jo Ann Hunt’s friend, who lost her son (48 years old) to heart failure

~Karolina Szabo’s sister, Irma, experiencing health concerns



**\*FEAST IN A BOX DAY: Would you like to help Nourish Bridgeport provide Thanksgiving meals to folks on Nov. 18? There are two shifts: 9am-11:30 and 1-4pm. Please sign up by Nov. 6 on our website.**

**\*nOURish BRIDGEPORT FOOD DRIVE: In cutthroat competition with UCC Bridgeport we’re collecting instant mashed potatoes for Thanksgiving bags. Let’s donate at least 250 boxes/pouches! Please leave donations in the narthex now through Nov. 12. \*\*\* Let us help you do the shopping- see Amazon link below (it will also be emailed to you)- you can purchase right from the wish list, and it will be shipped right to the church !!!!**

**\*WELCOME!: Please Welcome Rev. John Russell, our TCC Pastor from 1978-2000. The altar flowers are dedicated to John in celebration of the 22 years that he and El faithfully served our congregation.**

**\*TRUMBULL COMMUNITY THEATRE (TCT): TCT is staging a musical adaptation of “A Christmas Carol” on the first weekend in December at Trumbull High School. Two TCC members are part of the cast! Caroline Sadler has the featured role of Grace Smythe, and is in the Angel Choir and Holly Chorus. Chip Warren is in the Adult Ensemble. We are organizing a TCC outing to see the show on Friday, 12/1 at 7:30, and hoping to sit together as a group. Tickets are $25.00 and the show runs approximately 90 minutes, with a brief intermission. We are also planning a get-together after the show, with details to be announced. If you are interested in attending, please email Alice Warren at mawarren310@gmail.com no later than Monday 11/13. She will purchase the tickets for the group. It promises to be a great way to start the holiday season and enjoy fellowship after the show - TCC at TCT!**

**\*\*OFFICE HOURS: \*\* Please Note new Hours for the Fall:**

**Please feel free to reach out to Lisa – Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9am-12pm at 203-268-2433 or anytime at** [**office@trumbullcc.org**](mailto:office@trumbullcc.org)

1. *Baloche CCLI Song #2298355 © 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music License #11353163* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Maule, Bell CCLI Song #1040329 © 1987 WGRG, c/o Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland License #11353163 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)