



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church  
Online Worship Service  
Sunday, September 05, 2021  
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Katie Day

**Introit**

*The Peace May Be Exchanged from Rubrics*  
Dan Locklair

Hyoun Joo Song

**Call to Worship:**

One: Here at the feast of God's holy word

**All: and God's holy meal,**

One: eyes and ears are opened

**All: hearts are opened**

One: so that we may all be made glad

**All: and filled with hope.**

**Hymn 692**

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

# 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
 Refrain F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup> F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
 C7 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
 Dm Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup>2 B<sup>b</sup> *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we close up our hearts, our minds, our ears and eyes. Forgive us. Renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to live, opened in the way you intend for us. Amen.

## **Assurance of Grace**

### **Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## **The Word Read and Proclaimed**

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **Anthem**

*Here, O My Lord, I See*

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God, whose Spirit comes to us in moments of both strength and weakness, come now into our midst that we might be able to hear your Word in fullness and in truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman

whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin.

She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

**Jesus Cures a Deaf Man**

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and

he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

**Sermon**

“Be Opened”

**Sealing the Word in Our Lives**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Pastoral Prayer**

The Rev. Jody Andrade

**Words of Institution**


**The Lord’s Prayer**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

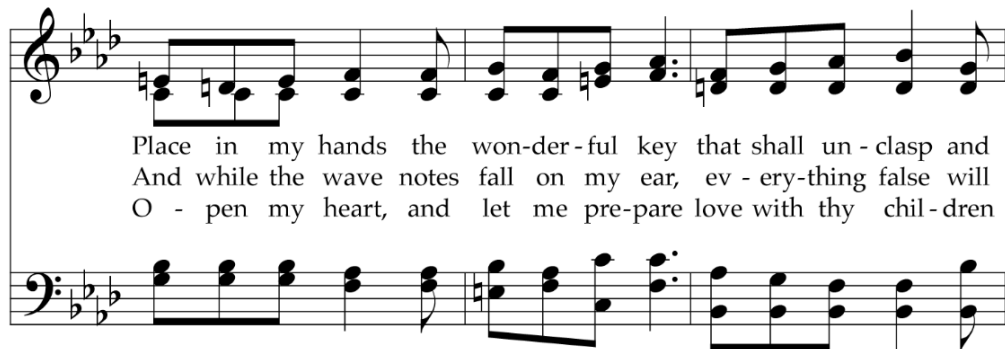
**Hymn 451**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

# Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.  
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

### **Invitation to Offering**

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- mail your offering to the church – 3700 Pleasant Hill Road Duluth, GA 30096

### **Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Following the Word into the World**

### **Charge and Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

from Praeludium pro organo pleno (BWV552)  
J. S. Bach

Hyoun Joo

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