

∞ Order of Worship ∞

January 17, 2021

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (paraphrased from Psalm 89 & Luke 1):

Leader: God remembered his promises and piled on the mercies.

People: We'll never quit telling the story of your love.

Leader: Your love, God, is our song, and we'll sing it!

People: It's exactly what God promised, beginning with Abraham and right up to now.

PRAISE SONG "Open the Eyes of My Heart" by Paul Baloche

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) (paraphrased from Psalm 139):

Loving God, Both we and our ancestors have sinned, kept sinning for so long, and have done wickedly. We hate evil action and those who do it, and we forget You created them as well as us. Help us to overcome our hate and loathing. Please forgive our sinful actions and bring us into your wonderful arms showing Your love for all. Help us, Lord, to be more loving in all we say, think and do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even as we all have sinned,

People: You, Lord, continue to love all creation and bring us to Your Sabbath.

Leader: You, Lord, continue to forgive us and hold us in Your loving family,

People: And lead us as we confess and repent.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-10

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
by George Allen & Joyce Merman
sung by Scott Miller

SERMON

"Recognizing God"

PRAYER TIME-THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL

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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN No. 381

"Open My Eyes That I May See" v.1

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Verse:

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

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.

Sing 2x

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

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Offering Envelopes

The pledge offering envelopes for 2021 have arrived and are in the administrative office on the table. Please sign your name next to the number on the box that you take.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Verse 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!
Amen.

Text and Music: *Scott*, Clara H. Scott



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The Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Dryden will be held after the service on **Sunday, January 24th, 2021**. The meeting includes the election of nominating committee members and the election of two elders, two deacons and an auditor to serve for terms of no more than three years beginning this year. There will also be reports on church activities and the presentation of the 2021 budget. Session is also recommending that the bylaws be revised by changing Section XIII to reduce the number of elders from 12 to 9 beginning in 2022.

Although only active members may vote, all are welcome to attend and hear what our church leaders have to say about our ministries and mission.

Because we must have a quorum, all active members are urged to attend the zoom meeting.

Reminder

Committee reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting are due. Thank you to those who have turned their minutes in on time.

To my loving church family,

I am extremely grateful for the many sympathy cards I received from our caring church family when my dear husband, Andy Seyfried, unexpectedly died on December 14, 2020. The many warm, compassionate notes helped ease some of my grief. Thank you for your kindness and love during this very difficult period. - - In Christ's Love, Joan Van Vranken

Weekly Update on Community Support

As we turn our attention to the highly anticipated improvements that 2021 will bring, we should also look back on how the Dryden community responded to the challenges that Covid-19 created beginning in March 2020. One of the first effects was the increase in food insecurity experienced when the schools transitioned to remote instruction. Weekly Update Requests for Support began in April and the Dryden community provided an amazing response throughout the rest of the year. Much of the financial support went to helping with this food insecurity in our community. Funds were utilized for the spring and summer food distribution and helped support the 10 Blue "pop up" pantries throughout the town of Dryden. Healthy snacks were provided and were distributed through the Solar Express during the summer months. When school started in the fall, clothing, hygiene supplies, sneakers, snow boots and gloves were purchased for kids. In addition, a family who lost everything in a fire, received assistance. There was funding for the Thanksgiving baskets and to provide Christmas help for families in our community. The funds were primarily used to help those in our community meet their basic needs. In addition to the financial support provided by the community, over \$5,000 was received from the Dryden Service Unit of the Salvation Army. When the community was asked to support the 2020 Bell Ringing campaign, the goal was set to raise \$6,500 (which would provide \$5,800 for 2021). The community responded with donations of \$11,325 of which 90% or \$10,200 will be utilized throughout the upcoming year to provide support for those in need in our community. We are truly blessed to live in such a loving and caring community!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT
Charlie Hart