

8 AM Worship, January 24

Sharing and Greeting, Passing the Peace

Morning Prelude

Call to Worship, Psalm 62

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I won't be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, don't set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

Opening Song, "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*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!*

*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!*

Scripture *Jonah 3: 1-5, 10*

Video *"Undivided" Tim McGraw, Tyler Hubbard*

Sermon *"Changing Our Mind"*

Prayer Concerns and Joys, Morning Prayers

We feel Jonah's pain, holy God. We feel his pain, his anger, and his disappointment that your mercy is wider than our hatred and your compassion deeper than our willingness to name-call, ostracize, and exclude. We pray that you'd help us temper our own tendency to judge and to label with your grace, that you'd curb our inclination to automatically assume the worst with a view to the future that sees it held in your hands and guided by your purpose, even when that purpose is hard or impossible for us to imagine or see.

We pray this morning for those who are sick or troubled. We also remember before you the Illinois South Conference and its ministry, members and friends on our St. John prayer calendar, and the congregations here in our own village. Hear us now as we bring you the prayers of our hearts...

And hear us, too, as we join together, praying as your Son taught us, saying:

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.

Special Music

Morning "Offering"

Song, "God's Eye Is on the Sparrow"

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home?
When God is ever my portion, my constant friend will be:
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.*

Chorus

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.*

*Let not your heart be troubled, Christ's tender word I hear,
And resting on God's goodness, I lose my doubts and fears.
Though by the path God leads me but one step I may see:
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.*

Chorus

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I then draw close to my Savior, from care I am set free:
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.*

Chorus

Benediction, Postlude