THE WORD

452 Open the Eyes of My Heart







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144th Palo Duro Presbytery Meeting ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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The Lord's Day

7:45 PM

Sunflowers are in bloom. An end of the Summer and surely hot weather prevails. A hearty welcome from colleague to colleague in our common ministry. We worship in Word and deed in Jesus Christ. For a busy work week ahead, hang on to this Presbytery event memory verse: "From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:16

Gathering of God's People in Praise and Contemplation

Prelude: Ready your mind for Word and Worship as we listen meditatively to "The Church's One Foundation"

Welcome, Business Announcements, Poem: A Grandmother's Faith by Marie Livingston Roy

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-14, 22

The Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all of your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Body of Christ: The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

The Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

The Body of Christ: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made. Bless the Lord all his works. **Meditation (listen or participate):** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" a cappella, lyrics on back

*Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Hymnal #88

Unison Prayer of Confession: Eternal God, forgive us for forgetting what we should remember while remembering what we should forget. When we fix our mind on self-interest and forget those who are in need of you, forgive us. When we relive old wounds and fail to call to mind your amazing grace, forgive us. When we worry obsessively and believe in you only timidly, forgive us. Lord, you are our life and our light. We pray in Jesus' name.

Quiet Minute of Contemplation and Self Confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness in Christ's Name:

Leader: Amen. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." [John 3:16]

People: "Because of God's great love for us in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!"

*Glory Be to the Father Hymnal #579

Meditating on and Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayers of the People followed by the Lord's Prayer #16 in the front of the hymnal

Sharing of the Tithes with "Bless the Lord"

Proclamation of the Word, Text and Title: Ephesians 4:15-16 and "Best Practices" with Pastor Kathy Monroe

*The Lord's Supper where all are welcomed and served as we pray and listen to "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed #14 hymnal introduction

*Hymn: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Hymnal #514

*Benediction