Nurture Hour

Sunday school begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (ages 0-2) Cherub corner
- PRESCHOOL I (age 3) Joyful class
- PRESCHOOL II (age 4) Forgiveness class
- PRIMARY (grade K-2) Peaceful class
- MIDDLER (grade 3-5) Gentleness class
- JUNIOR YOUTH JYF (grades 5-7) off Jubilee Hall
- HIGH SCHOOL MYF (grades 8-12) off Jubilee Hall
- COLLEGE Library
- YOUNG ADULT off Jubilee Hall
- ADULTS
 - Better than a Donut end of hallway
 - New Life Stage (for people in their 30's and 40's) sanctuary
 - Colossian Forum (closed group) Dan's office
 - Sermon Response between Jubilee hall and Marilyn's office
 - Women's Bible Study music room
 - Wrestling with Our National Reality sanctuary

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Lent 4: Restore us, O God! We See.

Focus statement: We are bombarded by visual images, and can mistake what is seen for what is true. God reveals hidden truths, surprising us and challenging our assumptions. Once our eyes and hearts are opened, we can see with greater clarity.

Gathering for Worship

Songs

Kyriepurple, 68Will you come and follow mepurple, 39Be thou my visionblue, 545

Call to Worship

Leader: Here in this place we gather to worship.

All: Open our eyes and our hearts.

Leader: Here in this place we gather to see you.

All: Open our eyes and our hearts. Leader: Here in this place we gather

to perceive you in all your glory and beauty.

All: Open our eyes and our hearts.

Leader: Remove our blindness so that we might see ourselves

honestly, and humbly worship you.

Hearing God's Word

Song: Will the Children? insert
Children's Time James Yoder

Offering

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: O God, you open our eyes to see what is true.

We confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind than to embrace the fullness of your truth.

People: We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully accept what

you want us to see.

Leader: Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our

expectations, and establishes a new order where we are no longer leading the way. Forgive us, O Lord, when we would rather stay in the darkness of our current reality instead of receiving your miracle of light and new life.

People: Remove the cataracts from our eyes,

that we may see and celebrate your goodness around us.

Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts, that we may recognize that you are at work.

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God who brings all things into the light,

All: restore us.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want. Though we

cannot see through the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us. We will dwell in the house of the Lord

forever. Amen.

Song: *You are all we have* green, 29

Scripture: John 9:1-41 Lisa and Bryan Heinz
Sermon: "We See" Marilyn Rudy-Froese

Responding

Song: *Open my eyes* purple, 65

Ritual of Anointing

Music by the Elisabeth Barahona and Lois Mast

Congregational Sharing and Prayer Richard Miller

Transition to Fellowship and Sunday School

Welcome & Introduction of Visitors

(Please pass the friendship registers.)

Announcements

Song: We walk by faith

blue, 570

Sending Words:

Go with your eyes wide open and your hearts softened to see the face of God in each person you meet—and to love them

accordingly. Go in God's peace. Amen.

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Lois Mast Song Leader: Greg Smucker

Musicians: Julian Harnish, Worship Team

Offertory: Worship Team

Ushers: Elijah and Priscillah Metekai

AV Operator: Michael Sherer

Visuals: Merrill Krabill

Hearing assistance devices are available in the room beside the doors to the sanctuary. Please see the A/V operator if you would like one.

We offer childcare during worship after children's time for infants & toddlers. Children under 2 years of age may go to the Cherub Corner room, while 2 and 3 year olds may go to the MYF room.

Infant Care: Anna Sawatzky, Abby Rudy-Froese

Toddler Care: Linda Liechty, Jennifer Schrock, Aaron Wieand