



*BUILDING BLOCKS AND STEPPING STONES
FOR THE CHRISTIAN WALK
SERMON SERIES*

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The Liturgy for Gathering

Prelude

Praise Song *Blessed Be Your Name* Psalm 66 Praise Band

Call to Worship and Passing the Peace

Praise Song *Lifesong*

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

Merciful God;

You call us to sing your praises,

but our singing is without power;

You ask us share your Word with the world,

but we can scarcely speak to our neighbors;

You tell us to speak tenderly to your children,

but too often we are screaming at them;

We are often silent, when we should rejoice.

We often stand mute, while your Word should be voiced.

We often keep to ourselves,

when your love should be shown through us.

Forgive us for old, impassive ways.

Redeem us from the sin of inactivity.

Restore us as a people who sing your goodness,

who shout out your Word, and

who speak your healing love to a broken world.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Word incarnate. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (Leader)

The apostle Paul offers these words of comfort:

“May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Our Lord has come to sanctify us wholly.

He is faithful. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn #451

Open My Eyes

The Liturgy of the Word

Pastoral Prayer with Our Lord’s Prayer

Special Music *I Can Only Imagine* Psalm 66 Praise Band

The Scripture Reading Matthew 13: 1-10, 13

The Sermon *Hearing and Listening* Roy Sharpe

Hymn #547` *Go My Children*

The Benediction

Sending Song *Jesus Loves Me* Psalm 66 Praise Band

Postlude