

## *Open the Eyes of Our Hearts*

Gathering online since March for our worship has been essential to helping keep us growing in the Lord during these last few months, and now we are all so excited to begin regathering online and on campus, today, June 14! From wherever we are worshiping, we will all be spiritually bonding together with the Lord having gained a new depth of love for Him and each other.

We, as the “Body of Christ”, have a special assignment during this time and we must be alert to the Lord, focused on Him as a unified body, so we do not miss the crucial responsibility He has for us in sharing the gospel “for such a time as this”. As Pastor Matt and many other Christian leaders have shared, our nation is at a “Tipping Point”. Satan would like nothing better than to extinguish the spread of the gospel at this time, especially since many people are searching like never before. Pastor Matt shared June 7 as he discussed racial reconciliation how Satan is trying to drive a wedge to divide and to deceive us. Two of Satan’s tactics are fear and hatred. We, the “Body of Christ”, need to stand strong asking God for discernment to recognize Satan’s tactics and stay focused on our mission for the Lord so this could be the beginning of the greatest awaking our world has ever seen!

May we take advantage of this special moment, as we come back together, to open our hearts to the Lord and to each other – our whole heart, not holding back any part. Pray to totally surrender to the Lord so you may serve Him better, know His will, and seek His guidance in loving others. Ask the Lord to open the eyes of our hearts so we can see Him and know Him.

May we take a few minutes to meditate on this song and powerful testimony, [“Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord” by Christopher Duffley.](#)

***As the Lord opens the eyes of our hearts, please lift up these suggested prayers along with those prompted by the Holy Spirit:***

*Lord, I surrender my whole heart to You to serve You as You desire, for where my heart is there is my treasure in You. (Matt 5:21)*

*Lord, I come to you recommitting my life to You, to love You with all my heart, and with all my soul and with all my mind. (Matt 22:37)*

*Lord, draw me close to You as I confess my sins daily, knowing You are faithful and just to forgive those sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. (1John 1:9)*

*You are the potter and I am the clay, Lord. Mold me! Let me not miss one thing You have for me to do for You personally or in this body of Christ. Flow through me, Lord.  
(Is 64:8)*

*Creator of all, create in me a pure heart, and as a result of the time with You during these days of being at home, renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Ps 51:10)*

*Father, praise You that from everlasting to everlasting Your love is with me as I fear You and that Your righteousness will be with my children’s children because we keep Your covenant and remember to obey Your precepts. (Ps 103:17-18)*

*Lord, help me not to conform to this world, but continue being transformed by the renewing of Your mind so I*

*will be able to know Your perfect will. (Rom 12:2)*

*Praise You, Lord! My heart will not be troubled and I will not be afraid, because you have filled me with Your peace. (John 14:27)*

*Heavenly Father, may we all, as this Burnt Hickory Body of Christ, be unified, focused on You, with tender hearts, humble minds, sympathy and brotherly love for all those in our Burnt Hickory family and community. (1Cor 1:10; 1Peter 3:8)*

*Gracious Abba Father, show us, as a nation, the realities of racism, injustice and the lack of respect for human life that must be addressed and lead us to concrete actions that will heal our nation. (John 12:34; Jer 22:3, 13; Is 1:17; Prov 17:15, Ps 139:13)*

*Thank You, God, that as we continue to reach out to the lost in our lives, you make Your light shine in our hearts to give us the light only knowledge of Your glory displayed in the face of Christ. (2Cor 4:6)*

**“Use me, God, show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.”**

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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