



SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Mark 10:46-52
What do you see?

Welcome

We come to hear the Good News, to embody the love of God in Christ as we share our lives with others.

Lighting of Christ Candle

God's truth is revealed in Jesus Christ the light of the world. May the light shine for the hope of the world.

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Jesus, Son of David, hear us as we call out to you this day.

Speak to us as we gather, as we live, work, play and love.

Enter our lives and heal our hurts, that we may hear your truth and see your presence in our days.

Ever Giving Spirit, bring us to places of transformation and wholeness.

In Christ we pray. Amen

Song:

[To See the Light](https://peterkearney.bandcamp.com/track/58-to-see-the-light) by Peter Kearney

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Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer them a word of greeting and peace.

The Word around the Bush

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- I wonder what you have heard and thought from the Word today?
- I wonder what you heard in the Word for our church?
- What one action can you or your church take in response to the Word today?

Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

● You may like to say the prayer phrase "Mar-an-ath-a" (which means come Lord). Say this as four syllables. Do not try to think or imagine anything. If thoughts or distractions come simply return to saying the word.

● Or you may like "sitting with God" — a silent time in which we focus all our mind, heart and soul on the presence of God without trying to create it. Simply be still and open to God.

Prayers for Others

Ever present God, as you show your love for us in relationship with you. We pray that we continue to look for your love, to hear your voice, to feel your touch and to have the Spirit of Life breathe on us your life-giving grace.

(pause)

For those who are shut out and shunned by the injustices they experience each day as they are judged by gender, race, class and religion. **Help us to see and act.**

(pause)

For the planet and all living things that fight for survival against the insatiable plunder of human excess. **Help us to see and act.**

(pause)

We know you are with those who are experiencing difficult days in our communities, may we be free to share our lives with them also. **Help us to see and act.**

(pause)

In this time of silence we bring you our prayers. May our eyes be opened, our lives be changed.

(pause)

In Christ, Amen.

Song for Reflection:

[For you Deep Stillness](https://youtu.be/SpPLReD-Zuw) by Robin Mann and Julie Perrin
<https://youtu.be/SpPLReD-Zuw>

Closing Responses & Blessing

Go from here, journey with the One who walks with you, heals your blindness and calls you to a deeper truth.

Go with open hearts and minds, knowing the Spirit of God is with you, the breath of God upon you.

And may you be voices of wisdom, your actions standing for justice, peace, grace and welcome.

In the name of the Jesus Christ, the Son of David.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**