



LIFE CHANGING  
*Encounters*  
A DIFFERENT KIND OF SIGHT

*“A Different Kind of Sight”*

John 9:1-11

**Saturday, March 9 & Sunday, March 10, 2019**

**5:30 PM & 9 AM**

DeWitt Community Church | 3600 Erie Boulevard East, DeWitt, NY 13214

# Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

Saturday, March 9 & Sunday, March 10, 2019

5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

## *Thought for Today*

"Unlike a lot of people, I don't feel powerless. I know I can do something. But anyone can do something, it's not about being special. It's about deciding to do it - to dive into work for peace and justice and care for everybody on the planet." - Patch Adams

Prelude

Invitation to Worship

John 9:6-7

Jesus spat on the ground and made some mud with the spittle; he rubbed the mud on the man's eyes and told him, "Go and wash your face in the Pool of Siloam." So the man went, washed his face, and came back seeing.

\*Opening Hymn

**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (#93)**

\*Our Prayer for Today

**Gracious God, we are grateful for all that You have done for us, all that You are doing in us, and for all that You will do through us. Open our eyes to see Your presence among us, moving in powerful ways, bringing healing and hope to people living in darkness. Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—ways that will change us and challenge us to become the people You created us to be. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen**

Greeting & Announcements

Responsorial Psalm

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Time of Song

**Shine, Jesus, Shine (#319)**

**"I Need Thee Every Hour" by Chelsea Moon**

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford  
I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby  
Temptations lose their power when Thou  
art nigh

I need Thee every hour in joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide or life is vain  
I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will  
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill

CHORUS

I need Thee, oh I need Thee, every hour I need Thee  
I need Thee, oh I need Thee, every hour I need Thee  
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee, I need Thee

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind. His disciples asked him, "Teacher, whose sin caused him to be born blind? Was it his own or his parents' sin?" Jesus answered, "His blindness has nothing to do with his sins or his parents' sins. He is blind so that God's power might be seen at work in him. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me; night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light for the world." After he said this, Jesus spat on the ground and made some mud with the spittle; he rubbed the mud on the man's eyes and told him, "Go and wash your face in the Pool of Siloam." (This name means "Sent.") So the man went, washed his face, and came back seeing. His neighbors, then, and the people who had seen him begging before this, asked, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "He is the one," but others said, "No he isn't; he just looks like him." So the man himself said, "I am the man." "How is it that you can now see?" they asked him. He answered, "The man called Jesus made some mud, rubbed it on my eyes, and told me to go to Siloam and wash my face. So I went, and as soon as I washed, I could see."

\*Closing Hymn

**Arise, Your Light Is Come! (#231)**

\*Blessing

Postlude

**Worship Assistant:** Elizabeth Wimer/Rev. Alan Rudnick

\*Please stand as you are able

The Altar Flowers are given by Bert Mersereau in loving memory of his daughter Krista Kreh and wife Marguerite (Peggy)

*Offerings from today's service may be placed in the Offering Jars located on the Usher Stands.*

*Your generosity makes a great difference in our ability to do God's work as a congregation.*

*Please feel free to give via credit card, debit card, or PayPal on our secure e-giving site [give.dewittchurch.org](http://give.dewittchurch.org) on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.*

### **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers, Senior Minister  
Rev. Alan R. Rudnick, Associate/Executive Minister  
Rev. Cindy Mapstone, Associate/Family & Congregational Care Minister  
Rev. William A. Carlsen, Adjunct Minister  
Rev. Edwin F. Taylor, Senior Minister Emeritus  
Dr. Landrum H. Wooten, Associate Minister Emeritus

### **Staff**

Abel Searor, Director of Worship Arts/Principal Organist  
Gloria Trode, Director of Children's Music  
Nicholas MacLane, Director of Creative Worship  
Mary Chirello, Youth Director & Hospitality Coordinator  
Mick Thorpe, Director of Building Services  
Alyssa Eighmey, Office Manager  
Peter Hawley, Communications Coordinator  
Jane Hahn, Bookkeeper  
Reinaldo Mercado, Building Staff  
Liam McDonough, Building Staff  
Jim Surdam, Building Staff

**Ministers:** The Entire Congregation

### **Connect with us!**

Office 315-445-0331  
Pastor on Call (24/7) 315-303-2308

### **Helpful Links**

**Website:** [www.dewittchurch.org](http://www.dewittchurch.org)  
**Facebook:** [DeWitt Community Church](https://www.facebook.com/DeWittCommunityChurch)

