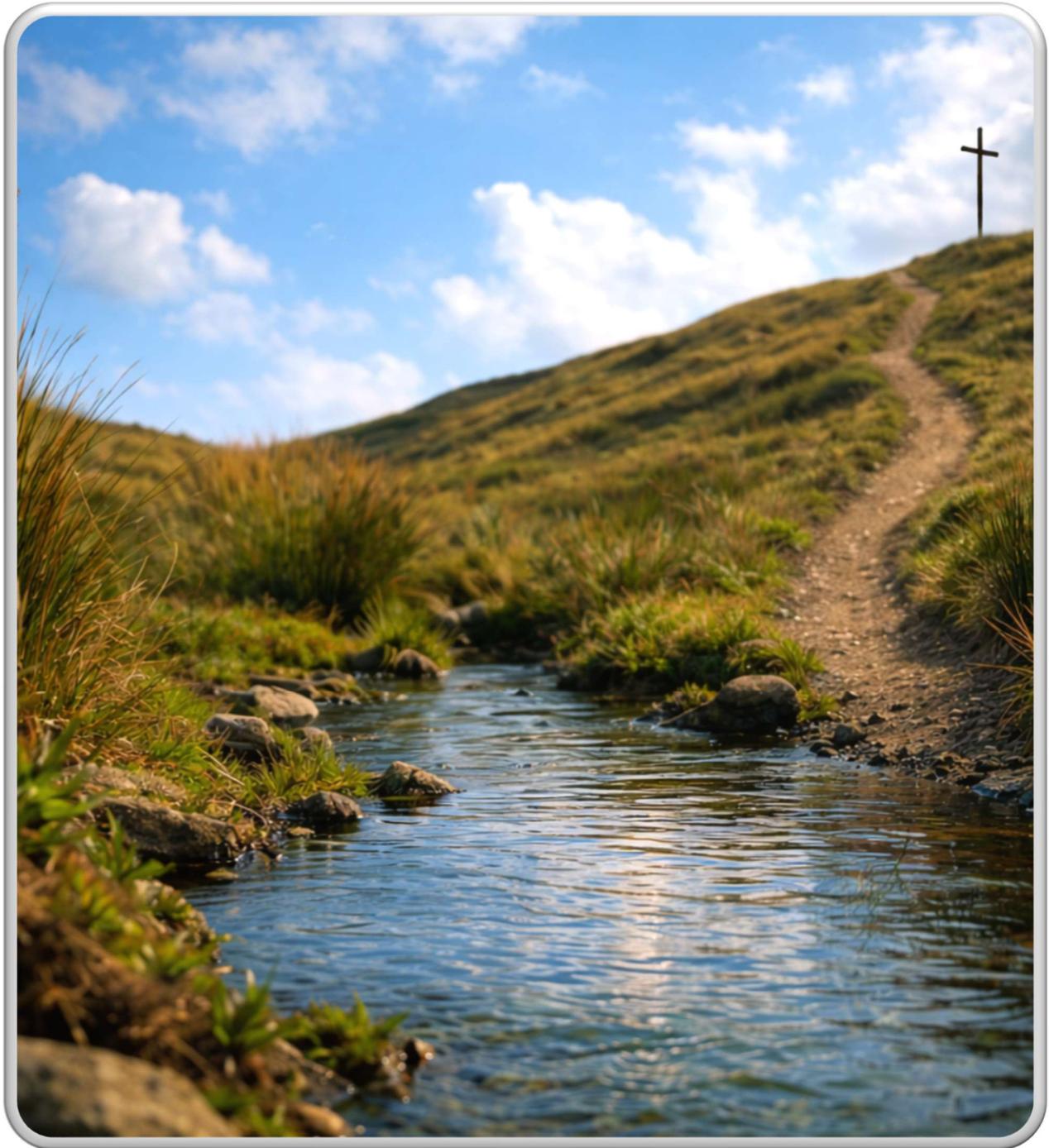


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March 15, 2026

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"On the Road with Jesus"

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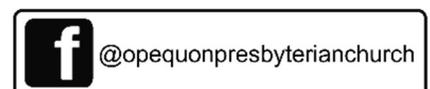
To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **We encourage you to share requests for prayer.** You may do so by completing the pink form found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering.
- **Trust your children to the care of our dedicated, loving workers!** The nursery rooms are located through the Gathering Area, down the Gallery and through the Dell Room. An usher will be happy to escort you. Our nursery ministry cares for infants and children under the age of 5.
- **Worship Bags are available for children ages 3 – kindergarten.** These bags are in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the basket when you are leaving.
- **Restrooms and a coat rack** are located off the Gathering Area, just outside the Sanctuary.
- **Large-print hymnals, Bibles and bulletins** are available from an usher.
- **Personal hearing assistance devices** are available from an usher if you would like to use one.
- **Transportation can be provided to worship.** Call the church office before 12:00 PM on Friday.

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday in Lent – Blood Pressure Checks; Baptism (11:00 AM)

- ☞ **Thank you for silencing your phones before we begin the Worship Service.**
- ☞ **As the music of the Prelude begins, we invite you to take a moment to quietly focus your heart and prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.**
- ☞ Please complete the Friendship Folder and pass it along during the greeting.
- ☞ PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew holders – please place in the offering plate.

† = All who are able, please stand.

Bold print = All in unison.

☞ WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME ☞

PRELUDE..... *On the Deck of a Spanish Sailing Ship, 1492*
By: Jason Robert Brown

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS
GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD & THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG No. 452 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;
to see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."
Holy, holy, holy. Holy holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.**

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Once we lived in darkness, but now - as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

†OPENING HYMN No. 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

[refrain] **In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.** [refrain]

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.** [refrain]

(Please be seated for prayer.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace. Let us join in our unison prayer, followed by personal silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves blameless but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, ever pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ. Live as children of the light for Christ shines on us.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 705 *You Are Holy*

[Men]

**You are holy;
you are mighty;
you are worthy,
worthy of praise.**

I will follow;

I will listen;

**I will love you
all of my days.**

**I will sing to
and worship
the King who
is worthy.**

**I will love and
adore him;**

**I will bow down
before him.**

**I will sing to
and worship
the King who
is worthy.**

**I will love and
adore him;**

**I will bow down
before him.**

[Women]

**You are holy;
you are mighty;
you are worthy,
worthy of praise.**

I will follow;

I will listen;

**I will love you
all of my days.**

**You are the Lord of lords;
you are the King of kings;
you are mighty God,
Lord of everything.**

**You're Emmanuel;
you're the great I AM;
you're the Prince of Peace,
who is the Lamb.**

**You're the living God;
you're my saving grace;
you will reign forever;
you are Ancient of Days.**

**You are Alpha, Omega
Beginning and End.**

**You're my Savior, Messiah,
Redeemer, and Friend.**

[all] **You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you!**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

☞ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ☞

ANTHEM..... *Open Thou Mine Eyes*

By: Benjamin Harlan

Open Thou mine eyes and I shall see. Open Thou mine ears and I shall hear. Incline my heart, I shall desire, order my steps and I shall walk the ways of Thy commandments. Open Thou mine eyes and I shall see, Open Thou mine ears and I shall hear. Incline my heart, I shall desire, order my steps and I shall walk the ways of Thy commandments. O Lord my God be Thou to me a God that I may love You, that I may serve You, that I may worship You and adore You, that I may follow You, that I may look to You. Open thou mine eyes and I shall see, Open Thou mine ears and I shall, I shall hear. Incline my heart, I shall desire, order my steps and I shall walk the ways of Thy commandments. Amen, amen, amen.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13.....Pew Bible p. 226

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 9:1-41.....Pew Bible p. 871

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "I See"

Nursery (Infants – Age 4)

†HYMN No. 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

**Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**
**Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!**
**Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

SERMON..... "Open My Eyes"

Pastor David Witt

☞ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☞

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN No. 488 *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

**"I was there to hear your boring cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."
"When you heard the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."
"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."
"I was there to hear your boring cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."**

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise, our gifts and lives. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. In his name, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 AM)Brooks Robert Witt

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

☞ **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME** ☞

†CLOSING HYMN No. 450..... *Be Thou My Vision*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

†CHARGE & BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE No. 748..... *Go with Us, Lord*

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

†POSTLUDE

WELCOME THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

We welcome Brooks Robert Witt into the baptized membership of Opequon Church this morning. Brooks is the son of Joel and Susan Witt, brother of Knox Witt, and grandson of David and Carole Witt and Laverne Cooper. May he be blessed by the grace and steadfast love of God and may we, as his church family, remember and uphold the promises of nurture and care we have made to him and his family.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Carole and David Witt in celebration of both their 40th Wedding Anniversary today and their family: Rebekah; Ryan, Elizabeth, Dabney, James; Joel, Susan, Knox, and Brooks, especially as Brooks is baptized this morning.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Benjamin Fernandez	Riley Fitzgerald	June & Nathan Windle
Rick Praml	Sara Frey	Al & May Schollenberger
Chris Wilfong & Family	Max Riley	Judy Gaines
Cheri Norris	Michael Callahan	Tim Loftis
Edwina Johansen	Shawn Flaugh	Ken Johansen
Krista DeCeault Strukoff & Luke	Donald Elson	Bonnie Pitzer
Dan Cammer	Debbie Manuel	Lynne Rosamilia
Ashley Twaddle	Don Gibson	Cor & Agnes Kamerman
Rick Friedrichsen	Maximus Serros	JoAnne Farrell
Isabel Bock	Karen Lemons & Family	Michelle Whiteman- McKee
Leigh Anne Whitacre	Anne Aisenberg & Family	Paulette Fazio
Joyce Griffiths & Family	Melissa McGunnigle	Katie Happel
Middle East War	Tyler Johnson	Joyce Williamson
Our Soldiers	Nancy Guthrie	Judy Camper
Bud Proctor	David Goode	Candi Gardner
Courtney Rose & Family	Murray Shantz	David Lewis
Hunter	Michelle Hall	David DesMarias
Harry Newman	Carol Nutry	Megan Tschappat
Dawn Phillips	Denise Weidele	Charlotte Rosamilia
Nathan Smith & Tracy	Caroline Hastreiter	Susan Arthur
Roger Murphy	Lori Jones & Stephen Armstrong	Bill Gesell
George & Carole Schwantes	Sharon Boyd	All Struggling with Mental Illness
Dominican Medical Mission Team	David Emery	Mike Shade
Gary McDowell	Carolyn Morgan	Jewish & Muslim Victims Worldwide
Marge & Tim Higgins	Jill Crocket	Cindy Corell
Robin Eddy	Ray Klinefelter	Nancy Kerns
Phil Sommer	Mike & Trish Crawford	Kennedy Ransom
Rick Ours	Pastor Kristin Whitesides	Ukraine
Jean Smith Family	Jordan Hartman	Ethiopia Church Mekane Yesus
Jolissa Matthews	Scarlett Kibler	
	David Cohen	

☞ **PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES** ☜

Cameron Andrew Veach, Kayleen Paquette, Kelly Klimek,
Jacob & Tiffani Peoples, Sawyer Phillips, Joshua Blake, Max Crane,
Andrew Crane, Thomas Crane, Jacob Heavner, Samuel & Julia Phillips,
Michael White, Ben Jensen, Gavin Eanes, Eli Keaton

SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

TODAY – March 15 (4th Sunday in Lent)

Blood Pressure Checks

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-41 Sermon: "Open My Eyes"

*** Deadline for April Newsletter Submissions ***

- 8:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
9:45 AM Faith Formation – Bageant Room
9:45 AM Opie's Playhouse – Memorial Sanctuary
11:00 AM Worship & Baptism – Sanctuary & Livestream
12:15 PM Potato Bake Luncheon – Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

- Monday: 12:00 PM Life Goes On – Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM Logos Leadership Team – Bageant Room
6:00 PM Safety Team – Bageant Room
6:00 PM Windsong – Sanctuary
Tuesday: 1:30 PM Angel Bible Study – Bageant Room
6:30 PM Session Meeting – Bageant Room
Wednesday: 10:30 AM Staff Meeting – Bageant Room
11:30 AM Staff Lunch – Longhorn
4:30 PM Logos (Theme: Luck of the Irish Night & Logos Sunday Practice)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday: 9:00 AM WANC Tea – Youth Spot
10:30 AM Tai Chi – Memorial Sanctuary
10:30 AM WANC Meeting – Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Sherando Food Pantry
Saturday: 10:00 AM Mulch Madness – Church Grounds

NEXT SUNDAY – March 22 (5th Sunday in Lent)

Logos Sunday; 4 Cents A Meal

Scriptures: Philippians 4:4-9; John 15:1-11 Sermon: "Choose Joy!"

- 8:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
9:45 AM Faith Formation – Bageant Room
9:45 AM Logos Snacks & Activities – Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream

OPIE'S PLAYHOUSE MEETS TODAY!

All families with young children are invited to join us in the Memorial Sanctuary, **9:45 AM – 10:45 AM**, for fun, friends and fellowship. Toys provided; children needed!

POTATO BAKE

Join us for our Annual Potato Bake at **12:15 PM today** in the Fellowship Hall! Enjoy fun, food, and fellowship – done "The Opequon Way!" Baked potatoes, fixin's, desserts, and drinks will be provided. Please consider bringing a salad or cold side dish to share. We look forward to seeing you there!

EASTER TULIP ORDERS – DUE TODAY

Today is the last day to order Easter Tulips! Tulip order/dedication forms are available in the Gathering Area and are due to the church office by the end of the day. The cost is \$10 each. Please indicate "tulips" with your payment.

LENT ITEMS AVAILABLE:

The Road to the Cross for adults is a booklet of 'a word a day for Lent' written by Rev. Jill Paulson of Wildwood Presbyterian Church. May you find the focus of a word a day a great way to deepen and challenge your faith. Pick one up from the Gathering Area.

For Young People: Surprise Lent Item! The Lent item this week is a 'Lent Light.' Light is good for dark places, be a bright spot in gloomy spaces. Help others see the goodness of God's graces. Share light with others to put smiles on their faces! Lent Light packages have been given to all children and youth at Logos and are available in the Gathering Area.

OPC MULCH MADNESS

Roll up your sleeves for our annual "Mulch Madness" Work Day! Bring your gloves and rake (if you have one) to the church on **Saturday, March 21**. We plan to get started at **10:00 AM**. Many hands make light work! Enjoy some fresh air while helping beautify the grounds and having fun together. For details, reach out to Jack Marquis (lorsoe53@gmail.com).

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

8:30 AM Worship

Liturgist: Ellen Cunningham

Beadle: Betty Chicklo

Door Greeters: Joan & Bob Aylor

Ushers: Terry Hartman, Shannon Brannon, Tim & Kathy Hoffman, Mason Vandertoorn, Jaden Hartman, Jace Hartman

Acolyte: Mason Vandertoorn

Building Stewards: Ben & Winter Brooks

11:00 AM Worship

Liturgist: Austin Jenkins

Beadle: Bill Thomasson

Door Greeters: Sven Thulin, Kathi Lehnhard

Ushers: Andy Homan, Joel Witt, Kevin Reed, Hudson Homan, Ben Jenkins, Nick Jenkins

Acolyte: Hudson Homan

Livestream: Susan Ritter, Rebekah Witt

WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

✂ How did today's music plea for God to open our eyes?

Notes on Today's Prayers

✂ Where and for whom do I need to focus my prayers this week?

Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages

✂ What will you see with your mind and heart?

Notes on Today's Scripture & Sermon

- ✂ What kind of eye and vision challenges do you have? Have those changed during your lifetime?
- ✂ What do you see when you look at yourself? What do you see when you look at others?
- ✂ What does God see in our Bible stories today?
- ✂ What does Jesus say to the blind man, the disciples, the crowds, and the Pharisees?
- ✂ How do people respond to Jesus?
- ✂ Whom do we dismiss or fail to see based on superficial appearances?
- ✂ When have you had the sight to see beyond what is and to behold what is possible?

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