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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. Mier

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER¹

L: God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,

P: "Here I am!"

L: Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,

P: "Here I am!"

L: Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day, and we answer,

P: "Here I am!"

L: Let us pray: O God, you call to us today, just as you called to the boy Samuel so long ago. Gathered here today, we are many different ages, but we pray for the maturity of faith to hear your call and respond to your Word. Open our ears and our hearts as we worship, as we work, and as we care for one another. We ask that you would give us courage and integrity to answer your call with the heart-felt words,

P: "Here I am!" Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 574** (Lutheran hymnal, see p. 4)

Here I Am Lord

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

L: Lord, you call, but we do not always recognize your voice.

P: Sometimes we don't listen carefully. Sometimes we're caught off guard.

L: Lord, you call, but we haven't always taught others to hear you.

P: Sometimes we stand in the way, allowing our voice to ring out over yours.

L: Lord, you call, but we don't always believe our ears.

P: Sometimes we believe we know better. Sometimes we think you can't possibly be calling us, or her, or him.

Silence.

L: Forgive us, Lord, our unpracticed listening, our closed ears.

P: Help us to hear. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (black hymnal, v. 4 & refrain)

Jesus the Light of the World

ALL SING: Hail the Bearer of God's peace! Jesus, the light of the world; Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world.

We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright, shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR

Blessed Assurance by Knapp

This Little Light of Mine/Will This Circle Be Unbroken? (Traditional)

(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

1 Samuel 3: 1-20

HYMN NO. 2130 (FWS, see p. 5)

*The Summons*⁴

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

by Lemmel

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 164 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

Arise, Your Light is Come

ALL SING: Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 524

This Little Light of Mine

ALL SING: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Light of the Living God

by Paxton

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HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte

Verses



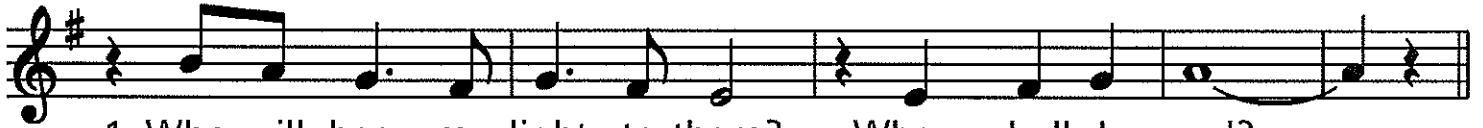
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

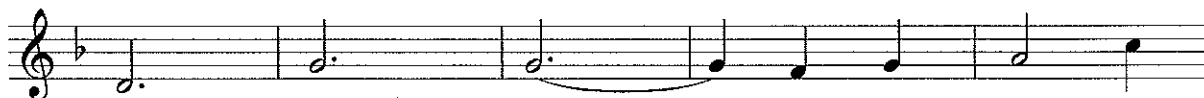
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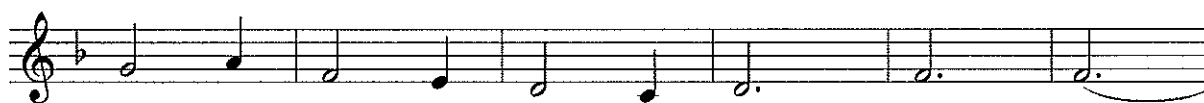
The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



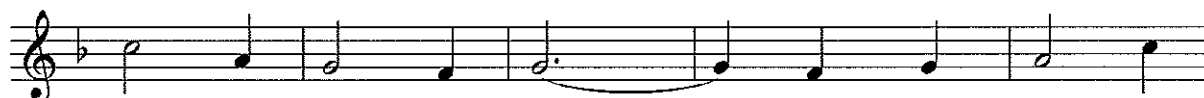
call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

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 Tune: KELVINGROVE, 7 6 7 6 7 7 7 6; Scottish traditional; arr. by John L. Bell, b.1949

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We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service.

Both vases of flowers are in honor of Barbara Krier's birthday. Happy Birthday Barbara, from Lyn!

The bulletins are presented in honor of our son, David Strine's, birthday and the birthday of our granddaughter, Sabrina Stough, a freshman at West Virginia University, by Don and Diane Strine.

Thank you to the Children's Bell Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Sherry Dunbar

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Kathy Ensminger

8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Video Tech: Ken Dunbar

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Jim, Dave, Steph, & Layla Beyer

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2224/worship-elements-january-14-2018>

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³by Rev. Teri Peterson, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/prayer-of-confession-1-samuel-3.html>

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1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 1 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

I am gon - na let it, let it shine,
 oh, the world did . not give to me,

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine:
 This joy . . . I have, the world did-n't give to me.

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,
 This . . . joy I have, the world did - n't give to me.

Hal - -le-lu - jah,
 Hal - le-lu, the

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, (oh let it shine.)
 No, the world did-n't give it, the world can't take it a - way.

“This Little Light” continued:

- 2 Ev-ery-where I go . . .
- 3 All--through the night . . .

“This Joy I Have” continued:

- 2 This love I have . . .
- 3 This hope I have . . .
- 4 This faith I have . . .
- 5 This peace I have . . .

The texts of these two spirituals may be used interchangeably with the tune This Joy. For an alternate version, this melody may be sung with the accompaniment of “Glory, Glory Hallelujah.” A more traditional setting of “This Little Light” is provided with the tune Lattimer.

Tune: THIS JOY Irr.
 African-American spiritual
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993
 See also LATTIMER