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Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

**Be the Church: Fight for the Powerless**

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping 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 welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices 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. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude in G Minor*

Bach

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: Today is a day of rejoicing!

**P: It is a time to celebrate!**

L: Jesus offers us a plan of action!

**P: No longer are we trapped, wondering what we should be doing.**

L: Jesus speaks to us of freedom, release from captivity, recovery of sight.

**P: Jesus outlines the kind of disciples that are needed in God's world.**

L: Let us pray: God of courageous creation, you ask us to bring your new heaven and new earth to hurting humans. We come this morning to lay down our fears at your altar, knowing that you are the one who calls us to assist one another. As we embark upon this new week, instill in us a spirit of courage. May this time of worship be one to stir us into becoming the hands and feet of Christ in our wounded world. Amen.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 273** (black hymnal)

*Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** Forgiving God, when it comes to facing the pain of the world- we like to close our eyes. We press mute as we listen to the news. We turn off the television when we see images that are uncomfortable. We change websites when we don't want to know the world as it is. From our privilege to walk away, we miss answering the call to fight for the powerless in our world. We often think our work probably doesn't help the hurting very much anyway. So we go about our daily lives. Forgive us. Like Moses, give us the courage to stand up for the oppressed. Like Esther, give us the strength to challenge the powers that be. Like Jesus, give us the wisdom and compassion to act. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (black hymnal, v. 2)

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)*

**ALL SING:** Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world; Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

*Luke 4: 14-21*

**MESSAGE**

*Be the Church: Fight for the Powerless*

**HYMN NO. 581** (black hymnal)

*Lead Us From Death to Life*

**JOYS & 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.

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(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World*  
by Price/Besig

**TIME OF OFFERING**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Go Thou Into the World*

by Pace

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Be the Church*

**ALL SING:** The Spirit invites us to travel new roads into the community, sharing life's loads. We reach out with love helping neighbors in need. God says **BE THE CHURCH** in both word and in deed.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 584** (black hymnal, vs. 2, 3, & 4) *I Am the Light of the World*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE**

*Praeludium*

by Fischer

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Pearl Chronister's 91st birthday by Herb Chronister.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of my wife, Becky, for our anniversary, by Jerry Hester.

The bulletins are presented in memory of my husband, John Skennonto, by Suzanne Skennonto.

Thank you to the Worship 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: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Rick & Cindy Hogentogler; the Dallam family

8 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Jeff & Nancy Sleeper; Jesse & Nancy Smith

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Video Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Dave Bailey

10:30 AM WOW Kids: David & Brigitte Bradnick

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

<sup>1</sup><https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3522/worship-connection-january-27-2019>

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of Confession was written by the Rev. Michelle Torigian.

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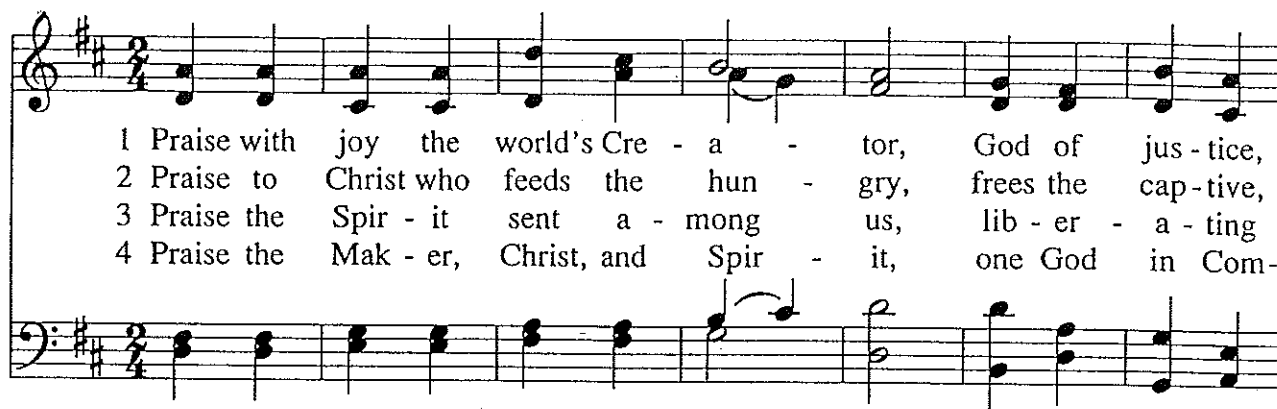
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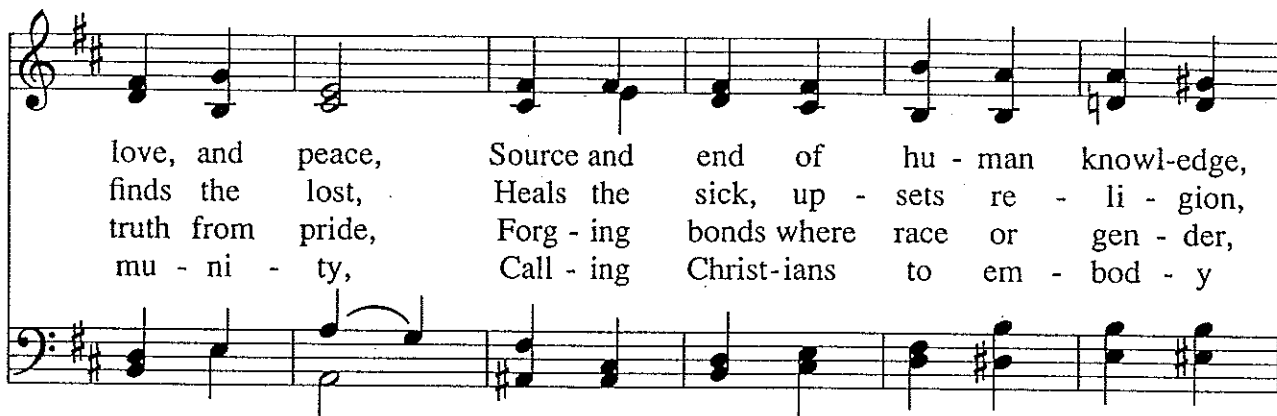
# Praise with Joy the World's Creator

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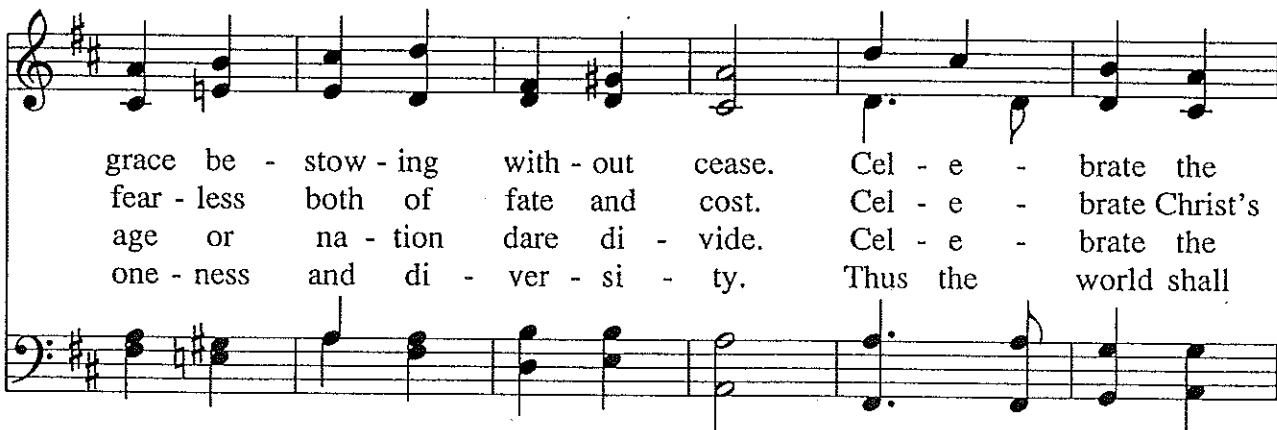
*The Iona Community, 1985; alt.*



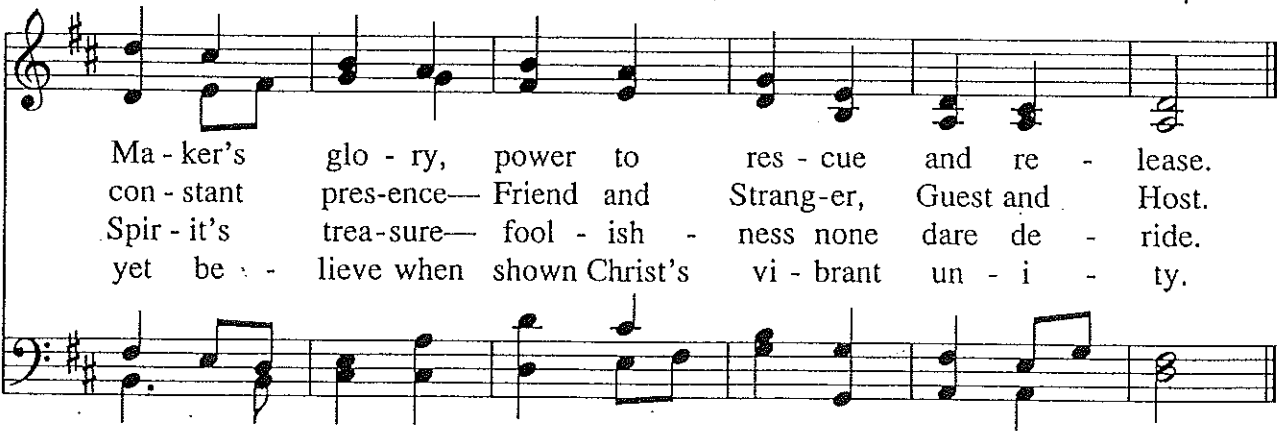
1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,  
2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,  
3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting  
4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in Com -



love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,  
finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,  
truth from pride, Forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,  
mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y



grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the  
fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's  
age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the  
one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall



Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.  
con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.  
Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.  
yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

*The Iona Community works and worships in a tenth-century abbey on the remote island of Iona, Scotland. Their output of hymns and songs includes this one written for the anniversary gathering of the World Student Christian Federation in Edinburgh in 1985.*

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA (PRAISE MY SOUL)  
8.7.8.7.8.7.

John Goss, 1869

2 John 1:3; Isa. 2:2-4

Refrain, Satish Kumar  
Stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1985

*Refrain* C C7 F G C G/B Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -

Dm7 G C Dm7 C7/E C7 Dm7

spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to

G C/E E7 Am Dm7 G

love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let

Em Am Dm7 C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C

peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

*to Stanzas*

The musical score is written in 3/4 time. The vocal line is on a single staff, and the piano accompaniment is on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). Chords are indicated above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score is divided into a Refrain and Stanzas. The Refrain consists of two lines of music. The Stanzas consist of three lines of music. The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final chord.

"Lead Us from Death to Life". . . continued

Dm7                      G                      Em7                      Am

1 Still all the an-gry cries,                      still all the an-gry guns,                      still now your  
 2 So man - y lone-ly hearts,                      so man - y bro-ken lives,                      long-ing for  
 3 Let jus - tice ev - er roll,                      let mer - cy fill the earth,                      let us be -

Dm7                      G7                      C                      Am                      Dm7

peo-ple die,                      earth's sons and daugh-ters.                      Let jus - tice roll,                      let  
 love to break                      in - to their an - guish.                      Come, teach us love,  
 gin to grow                      in - to your peo - ple.                      We can be love,

E7                      Am                      F                      D7/F#                      C/G                      G7                      C to Refrain

mer - cy pour down,                      come and teach us                      your way of com - pas-sion.  
 come, teach us peace,                      come and teach us                      your way of com - pas-sion.  
 we can bring peace,                      we can still be                      your way of com - pas-sion.

*The text for the refrain of this hymn is known as the "World Peace Prayer." It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism. Since its introduction at a service in Westminster Abbey on Hiroshima Day, 1981, the prayer has been translated into numerous languages and circulated around the world. The musical setting and additional stanzas were composed by Marty Haugen, composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

Tune: WORLD PEACE PRAYER  
 12.11.9.10. with refrain  
 Marty Haugen, 1985

# I Am the Light of the World

John 8:12

Jim Strathdee, 1969; rev. 1981

In response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman

*F* *Unison Introduction* *Refrain*  
*Bb* *C* *F*

"I am the light of the world!"

*Bb* *C* *F* *Gm* *Dm* *C*

You peo-ple come and fol-low me!" If you fol-low and love you'll

*F* *Gm7* *C* *Bb* *F* *Bb* *F* *Last time, end*

learn the mys-ter-y of what you were meant to do and be.

*F* *Bb/D* *C* *F*

1	When the	song	of the	an-gels	is	stilled,	when the
2	7	To	find	the	lost and	lone-ly	one,
3	7	To	free	the	pris-oner	from all	chains,
4		To	bring	hope	to	ev-ery	task you
						do,	7



I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (CONTINUED)

Gm Dm C

star in the sky is gone, When the  
 heal the bro - ken soul with love, 7 To  
 make the pow - er - ful care, To re -  
 dance at a ba - by's new birth, 7 To

F Bb C F

sag - es and the shep - herds have found their way home, the  
 feed the hun - gry chil - dren with warmth and good food, To  
 build the na - tions with strength of good will, to  
 make mu - sic in . . . . an old per - son's heart, and

Dm Bb Gm7 C Return to  $\text{\$}$

work of Christ-mas is be - gun:  
 feel the earth be - low, the sky a - bove!  
 see all God's chil - dren ev - ery - where!  
 sing to the col - ors of the earth!

*This text is based on a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman, a prolific twentieth-century writer, theologian, and teacher. The song grew out of Jim Strathdee's music ministry at an intercultural, bilingual congregation in Los Angeles.*

Tune: LIGHT OF THE WORLD Irr.  
 Jim Strathdee, 1969