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First Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

This is My Story, This is My Song

Here I Am, Lord

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 basket at the end of the pews. 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

Here I Am Lord

by Schutte

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: God whispers to each of us: you are my beloved, created in love to show love to others.

P: My spirit answers, Here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.

L: God breathes on us the Holy Spirit, knitting many members into one body, the body of Christ.

P: Together we answer, Here we are, Lord. Come, Holy Spirit.

L: God has yet more vision for the people. Who will work for God to extend God's kingdom into our hurting world?

P: Here we are, Lord. Empower us for your work.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: God calls the small, and helps them do great things. God calls the weak, and reveals their hidden gifts. God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes to their worth.

P: Here we are Lord, humble and waiting.

L: Then let us gather, old and young, small and great, to dream God's dreams, receive God's power, and do God's deeds.

P: Here we are, Lord. Shine the light of your love on us. Kindle your Spirit within us. Work your redeeming will in us, that all the world may be one through the power of your love.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 206** (UM hymnal, see p. 4)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

ALL: Lord, somewhere long ago, someone convinced us that we would not be good material for God to use in healing and helping ministries for this world. We don't really believe that we have anything worthwhile to offer. It is relatively easy for us to donate funds for missions and the good works of the church, but we do not see ourselves worthy of further involvement. Remind us of your forgiving love, when we stubbornly refuse to believe your claim on our lives. Open our eyes and spirits to see the gifts with which you have blessed us, and to commit those gifts to serving you by serving others. There are so many things that we can do. And everything starts with prayer. So, patient God, bear with us as we settle down to pray, asking for your wisdom in our lives. Give us courage and strength to accomplish any task that you set before us. And give us hearts of grateful love to acknowledge your presence in our lives, and live that presence with great joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2155 (FWS, v. 3, see p. 5)

Blest Are They^a

ALL SING: Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

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

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SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3: 1-20

MESSAGE

This is My Story, This is My Song: Here I Am, Lord

HYMN NO. 593 (UM hymnal, see p. 6)

Here I Am, Lord

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.

(10:30 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by the Belles) *Just Pass It On* by Besig

RECOGNIZING OUR SPIRITUAL FORMATION LEADERS

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

These Alone Are Enough

by Schutte

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 357 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4)

You Are Called to Tell the Story

ALL SING: You are called to tell the story, passing words of life along, Then to blend your voice with others as you sing the sacred song. Christ be known in all our singing, filling all with songs of love.

May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space,
Give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place. Christ
be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 2172** (FWS, see p. 7)

We Are Called

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** (refrain, see p. 6)

Here I Am, Lord

ALL SING: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

***POSTLUDE**

Rise Up and Serve the Lord

by Harris

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



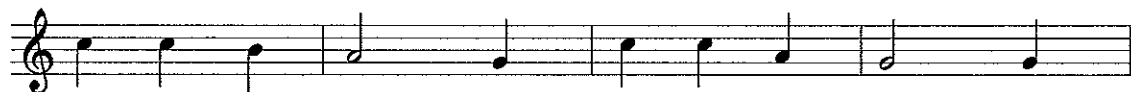
I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



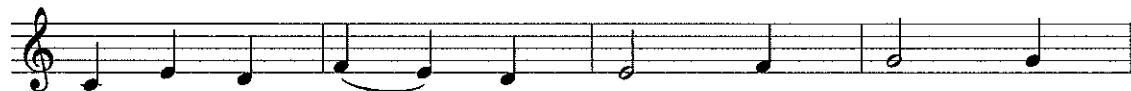
God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path, And
When we have run with pa-tience the race, We



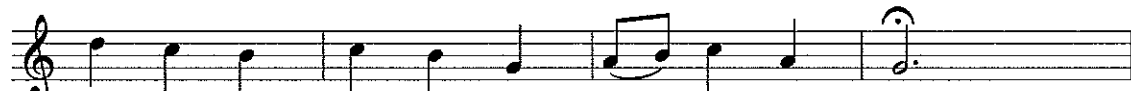
star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, © 1970, 1975, Celebration
Tune: HOUSTON, 10 7 10 8 9 9 10 7; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, © 1970, 1975, Celebration; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

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Blest Are They

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are: "Blest are they who show mer-cy; mer-cy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. Re-joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you, ho-ly are you! Re-joice and be glad! Yours is the king-dom of God!"

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HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte

Verses



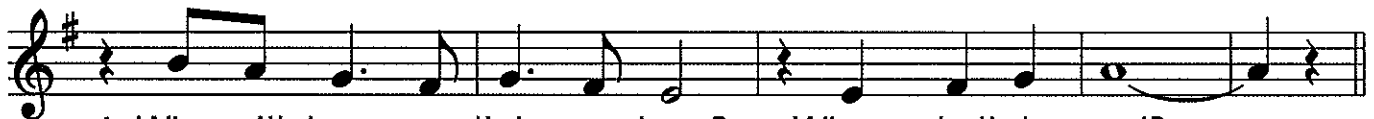
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



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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We Are Called



1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to
 to be hope for the hope - less so all
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
 ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
 sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!



We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly, we are called to serve one an - oth - er;



to walk hum - bly with God!

Text: Micah 6:8; David Haas, b.1957
 Tune: David Haas, b.1957
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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Betty Sipe and in memory of Betty Spangler, who both shared a birthday on June 23rd by Nancy Sleeper.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Danielle Neff's birthday by Alan, Sam, Liam, & Grace.

The bulletins are presented in memory and honor of all the fathers in the congregation by the Strine family.

Thank you to the Belles 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: Jim, Sue, & Jason Shiffer; Tim Snyder
8 AM Sound Tech: Dave Beyer
8 AM Video Tech: Layla Beyer
8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Dave Firestone
10:30 AM Sound Tech: George DeMers
10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman
10:30 AM Nursery: Dani Kardisco & Vanessa Bicher
WOW Kids: Scott & Lori McCracken

¹written by David Inglis. Posted on the **Henrietta United Church of Christ** website.

<http://www.henriettaucc.org/PastorsPage/CallsToWorship.shtml>

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³<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2225/classic-worship-connection-january-14-2018>

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