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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## ***I Will Not Let My Church Be about My Preferences and Desires***

*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 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.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Ridgerunners Video*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Leader: Peace-loving and peace-giving God, you bless us with your unfailing and unconditional love,

**People: We come to worship and praise our loving God, and rejoice in God's tender mercy toward us.**

Leader: Generous God, you pour blessings and grace upon us, forgiving us for our sin and shame,

**People: We come to worship and honor our merciful God, and rejoice in the wonder of forgiven and forgotten sin.**

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

Leader: Holy God, in the beauty of your shalom, and in the glory of your presence, all barriers are lowered,

**People: We come to worship and revere our glorious God, who enriches the lives of God's own people and speaks into the hearts of all faithful people. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 357** (black hymnal)

*You Are Called to Tell the Story*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

Leader: Living God, we come before you and each other today to search our ways and thoughts and to acknowledge the truth of our personal and collective journeys, in holy anticipation of your transforming grace. We confess how

often we neglect to respond and refuse to listen to your voice calling us into communion with you and into your cleansing love.

**People: We prefer to be centered in ourselves.**

Leader: We confess how often we neglect and refuse to heed the cry and pain of all our neighbors on life's journey.

**People: We prefer to listen to ourselves.**

Leader: We confess how often we neglect and refuse your truth.

**People: We prefer our own truths and myths.**

Leader: We confess how often we neglect and refuse to have the highest and holiest regard for all your children.

**People: We prefer those with whom we are most familiar, those most like us.**

Leader: We confess how often we neglect and refuse the unity of your one Spirit over all the earth.

**People: We prefer the prison of our pride and our divisions.**

Leader: We confess how often we neglect and refuse to share the bounties of the earth.

**People: We prefer our privileges.**

Leader: We confess how often we neglect and refuse to stop the hate, oppression and violence inflicted on those who are different.

**People: We prefer our own safety and comfort.**

Leader: We confess how often we neglect and refuse to congregate in your name and for the sake of the world.

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

**People:** We prefer our stadiums, arenas, and social halls.

Leader: We confess how often we neglect and refuse simply to love you with all our hearts, minds and souls, and our neighbors as ourselves.

**People:** We prefer to love our gods and ourselves more than we love you and each other.

Leader: Loving God, we repent of our neglect and refusal to follow your ways and thoughts.

**People:** We pray that you will have mercy on us, forgive us and free us to know, embrace and live truthfully and wholly in you and in each other, now and always. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 759 (black hymnal)

*Gloria Patri*

**ALL SING:** Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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

**SCRIPTURE**

*Ephesians 3: 1-7*

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 541** (black hymnal)

*They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"*

(10:30 AM) **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*Jennifer Damon, Eric Bickleman, Caitlin Damon, Benjamin Damon, Mason Damon & Addison Bickleman*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *Set My Feet on Solid Ground* by Clemens

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# OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*I Surrender All*

by Houghton


OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 558 (refrain, v. 1, refrain)

*We Are the Church*

Piano   
I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!

5   
All who fol-low Je - sus, all a-round the world! Yes! We're the church to - geth-er! The

9   
church is not a build - ing, the church is not a stee - ple, the

11   
church is not a rest - ing place, the church is its peo - ple. I am the church!

14   
You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er! All who fol-low Je - sus,

18   
all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 584 (black hymnal)

*I Am the Light of the World*

\*BENEDICTION

## Reflection Question

1. How does your church membership serve others?

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## \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Go Now In Peace*<sup>4</sup>

**ALL SING:** Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of evr'y day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

## POSTLUDE

*Where He Leads Me*

by Norris

<sup>1</sup>© 2011 Joan Stott – "The Timeless Psalms" RCL Psalm Year B, used with permission. Accessed on the *Re:Worship* website at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/call-to-worship-psalm-85.html>. Accessed October 23, 2019.

<sup>2</sup>The prayer of confession comes from the website of the *United Church of Christ*, at [http://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/unitedchurchofchrist/legacy\\_url/7120/prayerofconf.pdf?1418431723](http://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/unitedchurchofchrist/legacy_url/7120/prayerofconf.pdf?1418431723). It was originally written for the dedication of the Amistad Chapel at the national offices of the United Church of Christ. Accessed on October 23, 2019 and shared with permission for use in worship.

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# NOTES

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

One vase of altar flowers is presented in celebration of our first wedding anniversary by Paula & Larry Strayer.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Tillie Henry and in memory of Clair Henry, with love, Anne Henry.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Harriet Kiessling (Elaine's mother) by Perry, Elaine, & Joey Bevivino.

Thank you to worship choir and our brass instrumentalists 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: Connie Wolfe  
8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Matt Grimes  
8 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch  
8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty  
8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich  
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz  
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Matt Grimes  
10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles  
10:30 AM Video Tech: Joey Bevivino  
10:30 AM Camera Tech: Elaine Bevivino  
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman  
10:30 AM Nursery: Corey & Katelyn McCarthy  
WOW Kids: Erin & Jason Shiffer

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# You Are Called to Tell the Story

357

*Ruth Duck, 1991*

*Eph. 3:14-21*

- 1 You are called to tell the sto-ry,  
pass-ing words of life a-long,  
Then to blend your voice with oth-ers  
as you sing the sa-cred song,  
Christ be known in all our sing-ing,  
fill-ing all with songs of love.
- 2 You are called to teach the rhy-thm  
of the dance that nev-er ends,  
Then to move with-in the cir-cle,  
hand in hand with strang-ers, friends.  
Christ be known in all our danc-ing,  
touch-ing all with hands of love.
- 3 You are called to set the ta-ble,  
bless-ing bread as Je-sus blessed,  
Then to come with thirst and hun-ger,  
need-ing care like all the rest.  
Christ be known in all our shar-ing,  
feed-ing all with signs of love.
- 4 May the One whose love is broad-er  
than the mea-sure of all space  
Give us words to sing the sto-ry,  
move a-mong us in this place.  
Christ be known in all our liv-ing,  
fill-ing all with gifts of love.

*In this text, hymnwriter Ruth Duck sought to "set ordained ministry in the larger context of the ministry of the whole people of God." It was written for the ordination of her longtime friend, Elizabeth Caldwell.*

Tune: JULION 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
David Hurd, 1974  
Alternate tune: REGENT SQUARE

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# They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"

541

Jan Wesson, 1981; alt.

Luke 10:29-37

Unison

1 They asked, "Who's my neigh - bor and whom should I love; for  
 2 There once was a trav - el - er set on by thieves who  
 3 A cer - tain Sa - mar - i - tan then came a - long to  
 4 I know who's my neigh - bor and whom I should love, for

whom should I do a good deed?" Then Je - sus re - lat - ed a  
 beat him and left him to die; A priest and a Le - vite each  
 bind up his wounds and give aid; He took him to stay at an  
 whom I should do a good deed; For Je - sus made clear in the

sto - ry and said, "It's an - y - one who has a  
 saw him in pain; but they turned a - way and walked  
 inn un - til well, and for all the ser - vice he  
 sto - ry he told, it's an - y - one who has a

need, yes, an - y - one who has a need."  
 by, yes, they turned a - way and walked by.  
 paid, yes, for all the ser - vice he paid.  
 need, yes, an - y - one who has a need.

Ruth Janelle (Jan) Wesson wrote this hymn for the dedication of her church in Nashville, Tennessee, and was encouraged to submit it to a Hymn Society competition. It was published at the society's national conference in 1982.

Tune: NEIGHBOR 11.8.11.8.8.  
 Jan Wesson, 1981



# 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, 7 to  
 3 7 To free the pris-oner from all chains, 7 to  
 4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you do, 7 to

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  $\text{\textcircled{S}}$

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