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Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## *The God We Can Know: I Am the Light of the World*

*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**

(8 AM) **PRELUDE**

*The Lord Is My Light*

by Walker

(10:30 AM) **PRAISE BAND PRELUDE**

*Keep the Light On*

by Nockels<sup>1</sup>

## **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>**

Leader: Rise, shine, for your light has come!

**People:** The light of dawn has called us to a new day to live and to love.

Leader: Rise, shine, for your light has come!

**People:** The true Light that enlightens every person has come into the world, revealing that in God, all creation is one.

Leader: Rise, shine, for your light has come!

**People:** Jesus has challenged us to be the light of the world, shining holy love into the dark corners of confusion, fear, and despair.

Leader: Rise, shine, for your light has come!

**People:** Here we are, Lord. Illumine us, purify us, and shine through us as we worship, listen, and respond to you this holy hour.

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

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 584** (black hymnal)

*I Am the Light of the World*

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

**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 315** (black hymnal)

*O Word of God Incarnate*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Merciful God, you have told us that you are the light of the world – and yet our lives are often lived in ways that are counter to that belief. As the Light, Jesus seeks to guide us – and in turn we are blind to where He might take us, or resistant to the changes that will come from following Him. As the Light, Jesus illuminates every part of our lives – and in turn we are afraid of what that illumination might show about who we are, and so we turn away. As the Light, Jesus holds the darkness at bay – and in turn we contribute to the darkness of our world through the things we do, or that we leave undone, to hurt others. Jesus says, “I Am the Light of the World” – Jesus asks, “Who do *you* say that I am?”

*\*Time for Silent Reflection\**

Forgive us, O God, for the times that we have not followed your light. Forgive us for the times that we have turned away, and for the times that we have caused harm in our blindness. Continue to shine your Light, O God, for we have faith that the Light shines in the darkness and the dark does not overcome it. Let us in turn shine the light of Jesus for all those who need it's healing presence. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*Jesus the Light of the World*

**ALL SING:** 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.

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

## 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.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**      *Shine On Us*      by Smith/Greer

### OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

(8 AM) OFFERTORY      *Go Light Your World*      by Troccoli

(10:30 AM) PRAISE BAND OFFERTORY      *Enough Light* by Cantelon, Herbert

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 160 (black hymnal, refrain)

*Jesus the Light of the World*

**ALL SING:** 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.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 168** (black hymnal)      *O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE**      *Lenten Meditation*      by Blake

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Steve and Barb Stebbins' 49th wedding anniversary by Barb Stebbins.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of J. J. Rhinehart's creative bulletin board displays in the Fellowship Hall by Mary Jane Snyder.

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

Thank you to worship choir and to the Praise Band (Cora Beyer, Hayden Dallam, Dani Kardisco, & Denny Daugherty) for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Lent worship team for planning today's service. The worship team members are Mike Gibbs, Dennis Hartman, Deb Herlocker, Becky Hester, & Pastor Jeff.

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: Jerry & Becky Hester; Jon & Barb Waltemyer

8 AM Sound Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Video Tech: Dave Beyer

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Tori Everhart, Bronson & Tammy Gordon, & Kathleen Haugh

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Weston Wagaman

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Dave Bailey

10:30 AM Nursery: Katelyn & Corey McCarthy

WOW Kids: Dani Devine & Jackie Kubala

<sup>1</sup>*Keep the Light On*. By Christy Nockels. CCLI License #3220582.

<sup>2</sup>Inglis, David. "Creative Calls to Worship for Today's People." *Henrietta UCC*, 2011, [henriettaucc.org/HuccWeb10/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Creative-Calls-to-Worship-for-Today.pdf](http://henriettaucc.org/HuccWeb10/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Creative-Calls-to-Worship-for-Today.pdf).

<sup>3</sup>*Enough Light*. By Ben Cantelon & Nick Herbert. © 2014 Ben Cantelon Publishing Designee. CCLI Song # 7024476. CCLI License # 3220582

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# 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 %

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

Ps. 119:105

William W. How, 1867; alt.

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 O God, we hold this trea - sure from you, its source di - vine,  
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of cloud - ed sky:  
 a light that to all a - ges through - out the earth will shine;  
 to bear be - fore all peo - ple your true light as of old!

We praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass that all life's voy - age through,  
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 'mid mists and rocks and tem - pest, still guides, O God, to you.  
 till, doubt and striv - ing end - ed, they meet you face to face.

William W. How, author and hymnwriter, is remembered especially for his work among the poor of London's East End. Felix Mendelssohn harmonized this German hymn tune, which appeared with a different text for his oratorio *Elijah*.

Tune: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, *Meiningen*, 1693  
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

dove-like form the Spir - it de - scends on God's A-noint-ed One.  
 led to paths of ser - vice through maz - es of ad-ver - si - ty.  
 us a cho - sen peo - ple trans - formed by love to be your own.

## O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

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Ruth Duck, 1989

Isa. 60:19-20; Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11

1 O ra - dian Christ, in - car - nate Word, e - ter - nal  
 2 Our bar - tered, bus - y lives burn dim, too tired to  
 3 Your glo - ry shone at Jor - dan's stream, the font where  
 4 O Light of Na - tions, fill the earth; our faith and

love re - vealed in time: Come, make your home with - in our  
 care, too numb to feel. Come, shine up - on our shad - owed  
 we were born a - new. At - tune your church to know you  
 hope and love re - new. Come, lead the peo - ples to your

hearts, that we may dwell in light sub - lime.  
 world: your ra - diancance bathes with power to heal.  
 near; il - lu - mine all we say and do.  
 peace, as stars once led the way to you.

Commissioned by the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Ruth Duck's text provides a fitting center for Epiphany celebrations, with its sense of wonder at the incarnation and petition that through Christ's revelation

Tune: DICKINSON COLLEGE L.M.  
 Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., 1962  
 Alternate tune: WAREHAM