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8:00 & 10:30 AM

New Year, Same Promises
God's Promise of Guidance

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 narthex 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. Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30 AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me

by Gilmore

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt.

P: If the church, the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us!

L: If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.

P: If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit's light!

L: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

P: Our faith, our love, our hope —essential as salt and light.

L: But if salt isn't salty?

P: It isn't what it's meant to be.

L: And if a light doesn't shine?

P: It isn't what it's meant to be.

L: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world. Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

P: We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 181 NCH** (black hymnal, see p. 4)

You Are Salt for the Earth O People

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what is wrong in Your sight. Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 NCH (chorus, see p. 5) *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.

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

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

Matthew 5:13-20

HYMN NO. 2153 FWS (see p. 6)

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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.

TIME OF OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Lord is My Light

by Walker

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 165 NCH (v. 3, see p. 7)

ALL SING: Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;
Love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 524 NCH** (black hymnal, see p. 8) *This Little Light of Mine*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Guide Me O My Great Redeemer

by Williams

References

¹The Call to Worship was written for Caldwell United Methodist Church and posted on the website <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/call-to-worship-opening-prayer-matthew.html> and accessed on February 6, 2023.

²The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Iona MacLean in the publication, *Change is Happening*, and found at the website <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/09/prayer-of-confession-salt-of-earth.html> and accessed on February 6, 2023.

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You Are Salt for the Earth

Marty Haugen, 1986

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple:
4. We are a blessed and a pil - grim peo-ple:

3

salt for the reign of God! Share the fla- vor of
light for the Cit-y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
bring forth the reign of God! Seeds of mer- cy and
bound for the reign of God! Love our jour-ney and

6

life, O peo - ple: life in the Cit-y of God! Bring forth the
bright, O peo - ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
seeds of jus - tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

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reign of mer- cy bring forth the reign of peace; Bring forth the

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reign of jus - tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

Jesus, the Light of the World

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the light of the world;
2. Joy - ful, all you saints a - rise, Je - sus, the light of the world;
3. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Je - sus, the light of the world;
4. Hail the Bear - er of God's peace! Je - sus, the light of the world;

8

Glo - ry to the Christ - child bring, Je - sus, the light of the
Join the tri - umph of the skies, Je - sus, the light of the
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Word, Je - sus, the light of the
Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness! Je - sus, the light of the

15 *Refrain*

world. We will fol - low the light, beau - ti - ful light, come where the
world.
world.
world.

22

dew-drops of mer - cy are bright, Shine all a - round us by day and by night,

29

Je - sus the light of the world.

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

arr. Wendell Whalum

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Piano ♩ = 80

1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me _____ an-y -
2. I'm gon-na work so God can use me _____ an-y -
3. I'm gon-na pray so God can use me _____ an-y -
4. I'm gon-na sing so God can use me _____ an-y -

6

- where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____ I'm gon-na live so God can
- where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____ I'm gon-na work so God can
- where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____ I'm gon-na pray so God can
- where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____ I'm gon-na sing so God can

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- use me _____ an-y - where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____
- use me _____ an-y - where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____
- use me _____ an-y - where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____
- use me _____ an-y - where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____

Love Came Down at Christmas

Christina G. Rossetti, 1885

Maurice C. Whitney, 1962

♩ = 80



1. Love came down at Christ-mas, Love all love - ly,
2. Wor-ship we the God-head, Love in - car-nate,
3. Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and

4



Love di - vine; Love was born at Christ - mas;
Love di - vine; Wor-ship we our Je - sus,
love be mine; Love to God and neigh - bor,

7



star and an - gels gave the sign.
but where is God's sa - cred sign?
love for plea and gift and sign.

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano 

1. This lit - tle light of mine,
2. Ev - ry - where I go,
3. All through the night,

3 

I'm gon - na let it shine. _____ This lit - tle light of mine,
I'm gon - na let it shine. _____ Ev - ry - where I go,
I'm gon - na let it shine. _____ All through the night,

7 

I'm gon - na let it shine. _____ This lit - tle light of mine,
I'm gon - na let it shine. _____ Ev - ry - where I go,
I'm gon - na let it shine. _____ All through the night,

11 

I'm gon - na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,
I'm gon - na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,
I'm gon - na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,

14 

let it shine! _____
let it shine! _____
let it shine. _____