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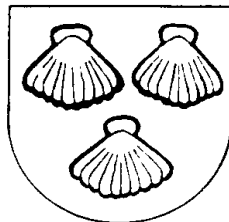
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March 10, 2023
9:30 am
“Light Up the World”

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Gathering Up

- Prelude** "Amazing Grace; O Jesus, I Have Promised" arr. by Emma Lou Diemer
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- Welcome** *Donna Benson, CLS*
We Acknowledge What's Up
- Gathering Song** "Give Thanks" *TFWS 2036*
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son (sing 2 times)
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us (sing 2 times)
Give thanks
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- Confession/Assurance** *Jeremiah Ross*
Leader:
Let us pray together:
ALL: Illuminating God, we gather together today
to call one another in from the shadows and bask in the light of your mercy. In this moment of quiet,
we lift up to you those things we'd like to give up for good...for the sake of The Good.
- Meditative Moment** *Jeremiah Ross*
Psalm 107
Response: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God, Amen!
- Passing the Peace of Christ** *Jeremiah Ross*
Response: As a people forgiven and freed,
we reach out to lift others up, offering the peace of Christ.
Peace be with you!
And also with you!
- *Opening Hymn** "God Is Here" *UMH 660*
1. God is here as we Your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share
2. Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace
Here are table font and pulpit
Here the cross has central place

Here as in the world around us
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts

Here in honesty of preaching
Here in silence as in speech
Here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each

3. Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold
Here as bread and wine are taken
Christ sustains us as of old
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore

4. Lord of all of church and kingdom
In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel
Help us work your purpose out
Here in this day's dedication
All we have to give receive
We who cannot live without you
We adore you we believe

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Filling Up

What's Up? With Children

Nancy Everstine

The Word Uplifts

Scripture

John 3:14-21

Jeremiah Ross

Anthem

“Lenten Meditation” arr. by Jay Althouse

Chancel Choir

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Message

“Light Up the World”

Donna Benson, CLS

Building Up

**Prayer for God's People, Church, & World
Lord's Prayer**

Jeremiah Ross

Offering

***Doxology**

“A Lenten Doxology”
Praise God throughout these forty days
Praise Christ our Lord whom God did raise
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

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Offering Prayer

*Please stand as able

Blessing for the Journey

*Closing Hymn

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UMH 206

1. I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

2. I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father

Refrain

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus

Refrain

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1970, 1975 Celebration

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Benediction

Donna Benson, CLS

And so now take your light out into the world,
knowing that a single flame will overcome
even the deepest shadows that you face,
and that in the longest nights of uncertainty and doubt,
that you have all you need to be up to something.

When someone asks you, "What are you up to?"
you can respond,
"With God's help, I'm up to something good!"

Let the people say, Amen!
Amen!

Music for Movin' On Up

Postlude

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" arr. by Emma Lou Diemer

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Questions for Reflection

*What does the light of God's truth reveal about your life?
Are there parts of your life that you want to hide from God?
Can you imagine what it would be like to live completely transparent to God's piercing light?*

Household Prayer: Morning

*Loving God,
draw me to your light,
that I may avoid the dangers of sin
and receive the freedom of your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Lord Christ, as shadows of night draw near,
sustain me by the light that banishes the fearful claim of death.
Help me believe in you with all my heart that I may know the freedom of salvation
and at last receive the joy of eternal life. Amen.*

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