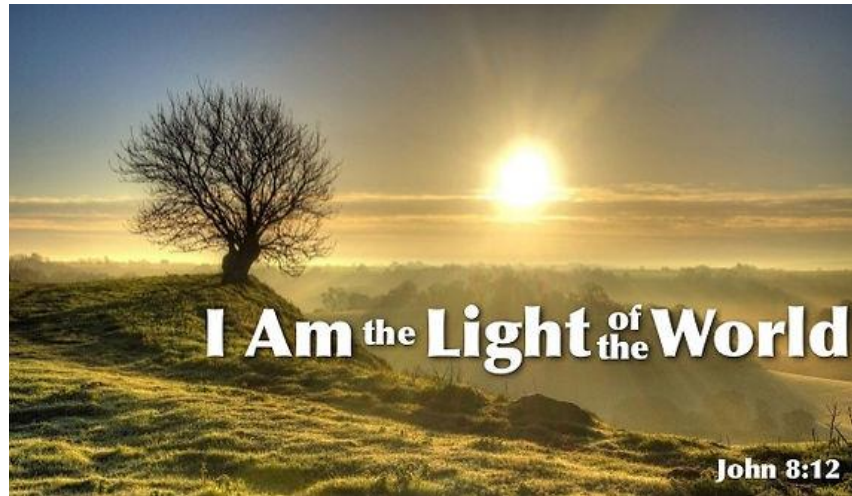


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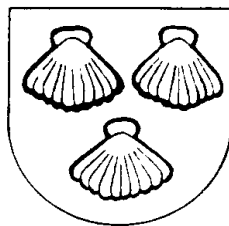
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“I AM...The Light of the World”

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Prelude "Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing" (based on UMH 400) arr. by Charles Callahan

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Lighting the Prayer Candle

One: The light shines in the darkness.

All: We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.

One: Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.

All: Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Threshold Song

"The Old Rugged Cross" (vs. 1 & refrain)

UMH 504

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

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Call to Worship

Ugonna Ezekwesili

God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.

From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.

God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.

In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in the faces of children ravaged by war.

God, you speak to us from the corners of the Earth.

To the east, to the west, to the north and to the south, above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear. Send your voice to sing in us, we pray, as we worship this day.

Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

*Opening Prayer

Ugonna Ezekwesili

God of love, we bring our very selves to worship. Our triumphs. Our failures. Our vulnerabilities. Our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows. In this time set apart, may we hear the voice of Jesus urging us to feed and be fed, to love and be loved. Amen.

Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

*Opening Hymn

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

UMH 173

1. Christ whose glory fills the skies
Christ the true the only Light
Sun of righteousness arise
Triumph o'er the shades of night

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee
Joyless is the day's return
Till thy mercy's beams I see

*Please stand as able

Dayspring from on high be near
Daystar in my heart appear

Till they inward light impart
Cheer my eyes and warm my heart

3. Visit then this soul of mine
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief
Fill me radiance divine
Scatter all my unbelief
More and more thyself display
Shining to the perfect day

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Passing of the Peace

Ugonna Ezekwesili

Children's Moment

Proclaiming

Donna Benson

Scripture

**Psalm 119, 1-8, 127-136
John 21: 1-19 (NRSVue)**

**Psalter 841 Response 3
Ugonna Ezekwesili**

Word in Music

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UMH 454

1. Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free

Refrain
Silently now I wait for thee
Ready my God thy will to see
Open my eyes illumine me Spirit divine

2. Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear
And while the wave notes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear

Refrain
Silently now I wait for thee
Ready my God thy will to see
Open my ears illumine me Spirit divine

3. Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share

Refrain
Silently now I wait for thee
Ready my God thy will to see
Open my heart illumine me Spirit divine

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Message

"I AM...The Light of the World"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Pastoral Prayer

Response

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***Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

“Let Us Be Bread”

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Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.

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Going Forth

***Closing Hymn**

“Go, Make of All Disciples”

UMH 571

1. Go make of all disciples
We hear the call O Lord
That comes from Thee our Father
In Thy eternal Word
Inspire our ways of learning
Through earnest fervent prayer
And let our daily living
Reveal Thee everywhere

2. Go make of all disciples
Baptizing in the name
Of Father Son and Spirit
From age to age the same
We call each new disciple
To follow Thee O Lord
Redeeming soul and body
By water and the Word

3. Go make of all disciples
We at Thy feet would stay
Until each life's vocation
Accents Thy holy way
We cultivate the nature
God plants in every heart
Revealing in our witness
The Master Teacher's art

4. Go make of all disciples
We welcome Thy command
Lo I am with you always
We take Thy guiding hand
The task looms large before us
We follow without fear
In heaven and earth Thy power
Shall bring God's kingdom here

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*Please stand as able

Benediction

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Postlude

"Rejoicing" G. F. Handel

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Questions for Reflection

Jesus chose Peter, who had denied him in his hour of need, to tend his sheep and build his church. He chose Paul, who had persecuted Jesus' followers, to proclaim the good news of the gospel.

Can anything separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ?

What has Jesus chosen and called you to do?

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus Christ, as you met your disciples just after daybreak on the beach, meet us at the dawning of this new day.

As you filled their nets with fish,
fill our lives with love and grace, more than we can ask or imagine.
In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious God, we praise you for the blessing of this day
and the promise of tomorrow.

Be our helper as the night falls and our joy when the morning comes;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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