
ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Please rise as you are able as designated by *

✠ GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD ✠

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

RECOGNIZE SHAWL MINISTRY

* THE GREETING
(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

* HYMN MEDLEY (See Insert or the Screen)

#703	<i>Swing Low, Sweet Chariot</i>	(vs. 1, 2, 3)
#352	<i>It's Me, It's Me, O Lord</i>	(vs. 1, 3)
#733	<i>Marching to Zion</i>	(vs. 1, 4)
#585	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	(vs. 1, 2 - different tune than hymnal)

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP
Come, let us prepare our hearts for worship!
We come to give thanks for God's love in Jesus Christ!
Come, let us offer ourselves in joy!
We come to sing our praises!
Come, let us worship with one another in the unity of the Spirit!
We come together as God's people to worship!
(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

THE GATHERING PRAYER Pastor James M. Wilson
Gracious and holy God, we come this day in thanksgiving for the light and love you have given us in your Son Jesus Christ. You have invited us to become members of the body of Christ, living in unity with one another and bearing the light of witness to your love for the world. You have called us to join together in community, to walk in faithful service to you, and to offer hospitality and graciousness to all. Yet, we confess that too often we hide your light under our fear or busyness or judgement of others. We allow love of ourselves to replace our wholehearted love for you. Forgive us, we pray, and free us from all that obscures your light shining through us to the world. In these moments, send your Spirit among us to renew our bond with one another and to strengthen our commitment to be faithful witnesses to your love for all creation. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen
(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

✠ HEARING GOD'S WORD ✠

THE EPISTLE LESSON (NT, PG 182)

Ephesians 4: 1-6; 14-16

ANTHEM (10:30) *The Lord Is My Light* arr. Frances Allitsen
Chancel Choir directed by Karen Maxwell

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)
All children are welcome to participate in choir or children's church activities following the Children's Message (details on back cover).
(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

CALL TO PRAYER; SILENT PRAYER; MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #547 *O Church of God, United*

* THE GOSPEL LESSON (NT, PG 4) Matthew 5: 13-16

THE SERMON This We Believe: "Lighting the Way"

Pastor Cynthia Anderson

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

✠ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD ✠

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: #881 APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL VERSION
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI HYMN #70 - Meineke
Glory be to the Father; and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CALL TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY Lasst Uns Erfreuen
**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!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Holy and everlasting God, we humbly and gratefully give thanks for all that we have received from you. We offer these gifts as a response to your love and ask that you use them to offer hospitality to the least, the last and the lost. Bring unity in the midst of division, hope in the midst of despair, and light to all places of darkness in our world. We offer our gifts and our prayer through Jesus our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✠ SENDING FORTH TO WITNESS ✠

* HYMN #2235-B (TFWS) *We Are Marching*

* BENEDICTION
Go to love God in all that you do!
We go to be witnesses to God's love for all people!
Go to love your neighbors in word and deed!
We go to serve Christ and to offer hospitality in His name!
Go in peace, and may God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, go with you now and always!
And also with you! Amen!

POSTLUDE

Today's Floral Arrangement is given by Scott and Jenny Fisher in celebration of their daughter Sarah's 23rd birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
