

Seeking to love all people ... growing in faith ...
working toward God's vision of justice, healing and joy.

The Order of Worship
January 26, 2020 — 11:00 a.m.

Prelude *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* arr. Wayne L. Wold
Norm Libby, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Deb Kunkel

Call to Worship

Leader: Though darkness may surround us, we have been shown the light!
People: For God's grace shines brightly!
Leader: Though shadows may engulf us, we have been shown the way!
People: For God's love burns brightly!

***Opening Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #12

Prayer of Confession Frank Palaia

ALL: God of Night and God of Day, God of Shadow and God of Light, by the light of your love you show us how to live. You provide us Jesus, who shows us how to live in your will and by your grace. Forgive us when we fail to pay attention. Help us to have eyes and hearts wide open so that we too might take in and then reflect your love for all. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response to the Assurance of Pardon**

O Morning Star, How Bright and Fair #161, stanza 1
O Morning Star, how fair and bright, your beams shine forth in truth and light!
Our sovereign meek and lowly! O root of Jesse,
Promised One, our only Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you solely!
You are holy, great and glorious, all victorious,
rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.

Ministry of Giving

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Michael Payne
Chelsea Lehnea, soprano

***Congregational Response to the Offertory**

TUNE: Old Hundredth TEXT: J. Danner
Praise God, who made both night and day,
Praise Christ, who lights up ev'ry way,
Praise Spirit, setting us aglow,
And showing us what we must know.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Ministry of Music *Here I Am, Lord* Daniel Schutte, arr. Anna Laura Page
Chancel Choir

A Time of Prayer
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Our Lord's Prayer (use wording closest to your heart)

Ministry of the Word Isaiah 9:1-14 Matthew 4:12-23
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Sermon *Sitting in Darkness, Seeing the Light* Pastor John H. Danner

***Closing Hymn** *This Little Light of Mine* #364, stanzas 1-4

***Benediction**

Postlude *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* arr. Aaron David Miller
Norm Libby, organ

Sentence Sermons

"If you are traveling at the speed of light and you turn on the headlights, does anything happen?
--Stephen Wright

"There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in." --Leonard Cohen

"Love is not consolation. It is light." --Simone Weil

"You don't find light by avoiding darkness." --S. Kelly Harrell

*** All who wish may stand.**