

*The Bible is not the light of the world,
it is the light of the Church.
But the world does not read
the Bible, the world reads
Christians! "You are the light
of the world."*

-- Charles Spurgeon



Sunday Worship

February 12, 2023

*Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.*

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER

God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.

***HYMN #395** Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1. Blessed Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you. By your gospel true and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded, till your Spirit breaks our night, filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.

3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of light from God proceeding. Touch our lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's pleading. Hear the cry your church now raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 58:1-9a

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #377** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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 in 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*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 5:13-16

SERMON You Are the Light of the World

***CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP
OFFERTORY***

****DOXOLOGY***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

We offer ourselves to you, O God, in these tokens of our lives. May they make a practical difference in the world, bringing light and life through Jesus Christ to the darkest and most shadowy places. Fill us with your Spirit, that our lives may also bear the light of him who gave himself for us, as we go about our daily living in your presence. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN** This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (3Xs)

2. Hide it under a bushel – NO! I'm gonna let it shine! (3Xs)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

3. Don't you dare to blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine! (3Xs)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

4. Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (3Xs)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

***BENEDICTION**

You have called us, O God, to embrace the mission of Jesus as our own. Our sight is not equal to this vision, and our strength is not equal to this task. But you, O Lord, are a merciful God. You give light to those who walk in darkness, and you grant strength to those who carry heavy loads. As we return to the workaday world, let us see your light before us and feel your strength within us. Amen.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS February 12, 2023.

This week's carillon is in memory of Lottie Reif. Lottie was our Financial Secretary for many years and lived in Forest Grove.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: 8th and 9th graders gather each Sunday morning at 9:00 with Pastor Su to explore faith.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Join us Thursday evenings to explore scripture on Zoom from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. You don't have to be a biblical scholar to participate, just a heart that longs for a closer walk with the Lord.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM in our sanctuary with a worship service and imposition of ashes. This will also be available on Zoom. For those joining us virtually, ashes will be available for pick-up by contacting the church office.

PANCAKE SUPPER: February 26, 5:30 PM. Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage – Yum! The Youth Group will be doing the cooking so it is sure to be great! Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office 215-794-8575. Cost: \$7 per person.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: **Bath Soap, Tooth Paste and Tooth brush.** Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

SAVE THE DATE: *HAWAIIAN NIGHT* - March 3rd, 6:00pm Friday Night Fellowship. Pulled Pork, Hot dogs, rolls and Beverages will be provided. And a homemade scrumptious Pineapple cake to top the evening off. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office and let us know how many will be attending and what side dish you will be bringing.

Calendar:	February 12	10:00am	Worship Service - followed by Coffee Hour, Fellowship and Sunday School.
	February 13	5:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal.
		7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting.
	February 14	10:00am	Garden Club.
		6:00pm	Beekeepers.
	February 15	10:00am	Worship and Music Meeting.
		12:00pm	Brown bag lunch and join us for fellowship
	February 16	6:00pm	Beekeepers
		7:00pm	Bible Study on Zoom

Elder of the Month: Pat Gessner
Sunday School Teacher: Karen Myers

Deacon of the Month: Rachel Dell'Orefice
Coffee Fellowship: Martha Greenwood

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Ray Curran, Alvin Cornell,
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Bill Yerkes, David Posnett, Mary Lou Humlhanz



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