

August 21, 2022

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "The Lord is My Light" Carol Stewart
Frances Allitsen/Harold De Cou

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship (taken from Psalm 27, selected verses)

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

P: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

L: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear.

P: Though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

L: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

P: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

L: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

P: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

A: Wait for the Lord.

**Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH#103

Opening Prayer (unison)

Eternal God, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Share your love with us that we may better love each other. Touch our hearts and help our love shine forth in a world hungry to know the light of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH#206

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings Carol Stewart
Offertory "Heavenly Sunlight" George Harrison Cook/Mark Hayes

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

God of Light, you gave us your only Son so that we may experience eternal life. We humbly give these offerings as a faithful response to this gift. Money seems so insignificant when compared to your gift of life. Yet we place this money before you as a sacrificial gesture of gratitude. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson John 1: 1-5, 9-13, 8: 12

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music Pam Colbrunn and Glen Shaw, vocal duet
"A Joyful, Jubilant Song" Michael Barrett and David Angerman

Sermon "I Am: Light of the World" Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love" UMH #422

**Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart
"Shine, Jesus Shine" George Kendrick/Jerry Ray



*Altar Flowers are given by Clarence Dinnen
in honor of us all Counting our Many Blessings.*

Scripture Lesson – John 1: 1-5, 9-13, 8: 12

The Word Became Flesh

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

I Am the Light of the World

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship Team

Ushers	Rick Smith, Joyce Smith, Ed Stidham, Margaret Stidham
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Organist	Carol Stewart



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