

February 5, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude

Greeting/Life of the Church

Pastor Vic Toney

**Call to Worship

L: Happy are those who worship the Lord and delight in God's precepts.

P: They rise before dawn as a light to the upright.

L: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

P: They shine their light before others for all the world to see.

L: They will never be moved.

A: Let this be our worship.

**Opening Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" UMH#569

Opening Prayer (unison)

(Isaiah 58) You do not desire a fast of sackcloth and ashes, but a fast of righteousness. You ask us to loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke, and set the captives free. Train our hearts to do what is right, O God, not what is easy. May we live our days among the righteous, that we may never be moved, but dwell secure in your mercy and your grace. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" UMH#175

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

Offertory

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Our Great Provider, source of every good gift, we thank you for the light you shine in our lives; we praise you for the joy you bring to our hearts. Receive the gifts we bring before you this day, that they may loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke, feed the hungry, and let the oppressed go free. Bless this offering and the ministries it supports, that your light may chase away the shadows in places lost to hopelessness and despair. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5: 11-20

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

"I Choose You"

Deborah Govenor

Pam Colbrunn, Glen Shaw, Erika Stone, vocal trio; Carol Stewart, piano

Sermon

"Salt & Light"

Pastor Vic Toney

Communion Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH #393

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH #13

**Closing Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine"

UMH #585

**Sending Forth

Postlude



*The Altar Flowers are given to welcome Pastor Vic Toney.
Thank you for graciously providing our Congregation
with Pastoral Care for the month of February.*

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 5: 11-20

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In 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. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

February 5, 2023 – Worship Team

Ushers

Gerald Mahan, Eric Fleming,
Jim Osburn, Don Wolf

Greeters

Dick Montgomery, Sandy Pramer

Liturgist

Elaine Hughes

Guest Pianist

Pam Colbrunn

Choir Director

Glen Shaw

Bells Director

Jim McPeek



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	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm	Library
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"The Power of Love"
Scripture Lesson

Rev. Vic Toney
I Corinthians 13:1-13

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