



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God said, "Let there be light,"  
and there was light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world,"  
and the light shone in the darkness.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."  
We worship God,  
to be renewed by the Holy Spirit  
in our calling as salt of the earth  
and light to the world.

**HYMN #314 *Christ Be Our Light***

**PRAYER OF PRAISE—based on Psalm 145:8-14**

Merciful God,  
we gather to offer you  
our praise and thanksgiving  
for the unfailing love you have shown toward us,  
and for the compassion you shower upon us,  
day after day.  
We pray that your Holy Spirit  
would move among us as we worship.  
Open the eyes of our hearts  
to see you at work among us,  
encouraging, challenging, uplifting, and inspiring,  
as each one has need.  
May our worship bring honor and glory to you.

**RESPONSE #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

God of glory, you sent Jesus into the world as the  
light of the world, to reveal your love for all  
people. We confess that our selfishness and  
pride hide the brightness of your light. We are  
sometimes ashamed of our association with you,  
and limit what your love and power can do in us.

In your mercy and by your Spirit heal us and  
renew us so that, as forgiven and empowered  
people, we may shine the love of Jesus Christ into  
our world.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever  
follows me will never walk in darkness but will  
have the light of life."

Let us now walk that Light, for in Jesus Christ we  
are restored and forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Isaiah 42:5-9  
Matthew 5:13-16

**MESSAGE** People of Positive Influence

**HYMN #749 *Come, Live in the Light***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory  
now and forever. Amen.*

**HYMN #744 *Arise, Your Light is Come***

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Menuett,*  
*by Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel, from J.S.*  
*Bach's "Little Note Book for Wilhem*  
*Friedemann Bach"*  
- Ian Alvarez and MacKenzie Alvarez,  
marimbas

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."* John 20:21