



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good
and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues
through all generations.**

HYMN *Christ Be Our Light (#314)*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. **[Refrain]**

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. **[Refrain]**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. **[Refrain]**

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. **[Refrain]**

THE HISTORY OF OUR WINDOWS

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-12

Prayer

Song Open the Eyes of My Heart #452

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you; I want to see you.

FIRST WINDOW - LOVE REVEALED (*Jesus' Baptism*)

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:13-17

Reflection

Song Holy, Holy, Holy #1, verses 1 & 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

SECOND WINDOW - LOVE MADE KNOWN (the Call)

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:19

Prayer

Song The Summons #726, verses 1, 2, 7 5)

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

THIRD WINDOW - LOVE PERSONIFIED (the Good Shepherd)

Scripture Reading John 10:14-15

Reflection

Response (**unison**) Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

*He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,*

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

*and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.*

FOURTH WINDOW - LOVE IS OBEDIENT (Agony)

Scripture Reading Luke 22:41-44

Reflection

Song On Eagles' Wings #43

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I
trust!"

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your
shield. **[Refrain]**

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall
not come. **[Refrain]**

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. **[Refrain]**

FIFTH WINDOW - LOVE POURED OUT (Passion)

Scripture Reading John 15:12-13

Reflection

Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
#223, verses 1, 3, & 4

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

SIXTH WINDOW - LOVE EVERLASTING (Ascension)

Scripture Reading Acts 1:9-11

Reflection

Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
#12, verses 1 & 4

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and
love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CLOSING READING 1 Corinthians 13:13

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

