

January 22, 2023

“I Saw the Light”

GATHERING MUSIC Bob Cannon *Trumpet Aria* Purcell

CALL TO WORSHIP...PSALM 27: 1, 11-14 (The Message)

Leader: Light, space, zest—
that's GOD!
So, with him on my side I'm fearless,
afraid of no one and nothing.
Point me down your highway, GOD;
direct me along a well-lighted street;
show my enemies whose side you're on.
Don't throw me to the dogs,
those liars who are out to get me,
filling the air with their threats.
I'm sure now I'll see God's goodness
in the exuberant earth.
Stay with GOD!
Take heart. Don't quit.
I'll say it again:
Stay with GOD.

OPENING HYMN #715 vv 1-3 *Christ, Be Our Light*

TIME OF HONESTY

Leader: We hear the words of Jesus to “Let our Light shine...”

All: But, we confess that we like to hear these words on our own terms... when it is convenient, when I have time, when I feel like I can succeed.

Leader: Forgive us Lord for all the excuses we make to hide the Christ-light.

(time of silent reflection)

All: You know me God and you search my heart. Give courage and faith when fear and despair take us away from the light of your path.

Leader: Covered by Your grace and mercy, we give thanks for your Light that shines in the darkness of our lives, in the dark places of this world. May the assurance of your forgiveness empower us to “let our Light so shine...”!

SONG OF RESPONSE *Kyrie Eleison*

(You are invited to the Baptismal font to touch the waters of God’s presence of love and grace.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Holy Land Trip, Q&A, Congregational Meeting

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *Follow the Leader*

SCRIPTURE READING...I CORINTHIANS 1:10-18 NRSV

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

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Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

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(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

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For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL...MATTHEW 4:12-23 NRSV

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

SONG OF RESPONSE #798 vv 1-2 *Will You Come Follow Me*

MESSAGE Pr. Tom Grevlos *You Catch Them, I'll Clean Them*

MESSAGE SONG #798 vv 3-5 *Will You Come Follow Me*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING RESPONSE #692 *We Are An Offering*

PRAYER OF THANKS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

COMMUNION INVITATION

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus.

God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and promising new life.

Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;

Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”

COMMUNION MUSIC Bob Cannon *Air on the G String* Bach

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #715 vv 4-5 *Christ, Be Our Light*

COMMISSIONING

Leader: We have seen the light of Christ in our midst, and Christ calls us to follow him. As we go out into the world, we too shine this light to all people.

ALL: Thanks be to God...And We Will!

POSTLUDE Bob Cannon *prelude to the Te Deum* Charpentier

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner, Callie Ray Bell and Jane Tackett.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Adryana Aldeen, Director of Advancement at Mariposa.

Jim Enochs, father of Charlie Enochs.

Marie Lindstrom, sister of Linda Fiandaca.

Laura Ashford, friend of Dabney Gomes.

Sophie Ahumada, granddaughter of Debra and Nadar Ayoub.

Linda and Tom Ferris, sister and brother-in-law of Jennifer Arndt

We pray for Laura Hills on the death of her aunt, Millie Strand Kramer. Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

We pray for those attending the Mother Daughter Retreat at Camp Lutherhill this weekend: Kristina and Lila Bishop and Joyce Flachmeier; Katie and Sophie Eckermann and Meg Butler; Christine Stern Calvo and Alicia Calvo; Tara Grove and Christina Davies; Kristen, Lillian, and Evelyn Murray; Melissa, Keaton, and Natalie Robertson; Pastor Lauren and Caroline Wegner; Sonya, Ellie, and Adalie Wilson. May their relationships be strengthened, and may the love of God be felt in the beauty of nature, community, and time set apart to be together.

Merciful and Loving God, as war and violence rages in Ukraine and other parts of the world, we pray that leaders of the world will practice peace-making, bringing together people of every tribe and race under the umbrella of your amazing grace.

We pray for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

We pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

We pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Director of Worship/Arts Kevin McClure

Trumpet Bob Cannon

Altar Steward (8:15) Sharon Collins; (10:45) Diane Peterson

Assisting Minister (8:15) Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Carole Morgan

AV Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Vince and Jake Yokubaitis and Pete Forsberg

Bread Sharon Collins

Communion Assistant

(8:15) Sharon Collins, Nancy and Denny Etzler

(10:45) Carole Morgan, Diane Peterson

Food For Fellowship Audrey Lunecki and Janice Benzel

Hosts

Tellers

Admin Ministry Coordinator Amanda Forsberg

Campus Operations Dave Wegner

Communications Director Dabney Gomes

Student Ministry Coordinator Joel Timmons

Executive Director Bill Dawson

Finance Controller Kevin Marlow

Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator Megan Getman

Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director Rebecca Guengerich

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

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