



**LET
YOUR
LIGHT
SHINE**

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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

20th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 am

PRELUDE *Be Still My Soul*

Sibelius, Arr. Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.
My flesh sings for joy to the living God.
Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord,
ever singing your praise, O God.
Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

GATHERING PRAYER

Righteous and gracious Lord,
you reveal to us the way of goodness and life.
Teach us humility that we may trust in your power,
and not our own, and make us ever grateful;
in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Now Thank We All Our God #643

CALL TO CONFESSION

Longing for rescue from the weight of our failures,
let us confess our sin to God who hears our pleas
and waits in mercy to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, hope of your people in every age,
we confess that we have sinned against you.
We have wandered from your pathways,
turned toward idols, lived without compassion,
and disregarded the well-being of your creation.
Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your
covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed.
Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are
those who live in your house. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of the One who yearns
to crown all people with righteousness
and whose mercy exalts the humble,
your sins are forgiven.
May you be strengthened to live
in the freedom of God's holy and eternal generosity. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out upon us your Spirit, O God,
that we might hear your word
so that your wisdom will draw us closer to you.
Through Christ, the Living Word, we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In 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.

2 Peter 1:3-11

³ His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants in the divine nature. ⁵ For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For anyone who lacks these things is short-sighted and blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. ¹¹ For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

SERMON: "The Guiding Light"

Mr. Leon Weinsheimer

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY *Spirit Song*

Wimber, Arr. Zeeman

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy and merciful God, you know the joy that is in us when we offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions for the work you set before us.

Use these gifts to heal and teach, comfort and challenge, that all the world might give you praise. **Amen.**

***HYMN:** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32*

CHARGE

Go in peace, walk with the humble,
pray for your enemies, live with thanksgiving.

BENEDICTION

May the strength of Almighty God surround you,
the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ attend you,
and the peace of the Holy Spirit be yours,
today and always.

POSTLUDE *Sunday Joy*

M. Hayes

We would like to thank Mr. Leon Weinsheimer for sharing his gifts with us today.

We would like to thank Ms. Sharon Dittmar for sharing her gifts with us today.

HYMNS

“Now Thank We All Our God” #643

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills of this world in the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” #32

1 I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
God formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.