

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *Pie Jesu* Gabriel Faure

Welcome

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: And also with you.

Call to Worship

One: If our body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt.  
All: **If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us!**  
One: If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun's light  
All: **If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit's light!**  
One: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.  
All: **Our faith, our love, our hope are essential as salt and light.**  
One: If salt isn't salty it isn't what it's meant to be.  
And, if a light doesn't shine it isn't what it's meant to be.  
Jesus says we are salt of the earth and light of the world.  
Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.  
All: **We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis in a unfriendly world, a compassionate community in an indifferent world, a justice-making people in an inequitable world.**  
One: Let us give glory to God!

\*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* #15

\*Call to Confession

Isaiah declares that our worship serves our self interests. Our prayers are for ourselves. We practice religion to divide and quarrel. But God invites us to turn and live in a new way. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

\*Confession of Sin (in unison)

**God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, we are bland and dull Christians. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see our good works and come to know you. Brighten our witness to your grace and mercy toward our neighbors. Flavor our testimony with your fervor for justice and peace. Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

\*Silent Confession

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil. If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

All: **Know that in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. You are free to be a light to this world. Let your actions radiate Christ's message of love, hope, and joy.**

\*Gloria Patri # 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.**

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~Hearing God's Word~

God's Word for Little Ears

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Isaiah 58:1-12 page 688

One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 112: 1-9 page 563

One: The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle 1Corinthians 2:1-12 page 166

One: The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Marie Meunier, soloist and Jonathan Patterson piano

Gospel Mathew 5:13-16 page 4

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Message Salt and Light Rev. Terry Epling

\*Affirmation of Faith

All: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from**

thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. [The Apostles Creed].

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

~Responding to God's Word~

### Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

### Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

*Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad. You may also share any joys or concerns on the cards in the pews. Place them in the offering plate for inclusion in the pastoral prayer.*

Offertory *When in the Hour of Utmost Need* J.M. Bach

\*Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* # 606  
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Amen.***

### \*Offering Prayer

Most generous God: with thankful hearts we rejoice in your goodness towards us and in the many blessings that we receive each day. In love you provide for your people's needs and you accompany us along the way. Use the gifts that we share to sustain the works of this church and bring light to the darkness of the world. Amen.

### Pastoral Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer (unison)

***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.***

\* Closing Hymn *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* #757

### \*Life in Our Church Community

### \*Benediction

\*Postlude *Oh, Blest the House* Johann Cristoph

\*Please stand, if you are able.

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