The Service for the Lord’s Day
July 18, 2021 | 9:00 am | Wellshire Presbyterian Church

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GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE  Come, Live in the Light | arr. Patrick Lee
INTROIT  Ancient Words | Lynn DeShazo

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 95
O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
  Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
  let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is our God,
  and we are the people of his pasture,
  and the sheep of his hand.

HYMN  Songbook 13  Light of the World | Kelly Crawford

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  How Great Thou Art
O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art! [2x]

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT  John 1:1-14

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM  Thy Word | Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith, arr. Andrea Handley

SERMON  The Wonder of the Word | The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr.

* The Congregation is invited to stand. **Bold Print** indicates congregational participation.
RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

HYMN 450  *Be Thou My Vision*  |  SLANE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

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OFFERTORY  “All Good Gifts” from *Godspell*  |  Stephen Schwartz, arr. John Leavitt

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FROM WORSHIP TO SERVICE

HYMN 759  *Come Live in the Light*  |  WE ARE CALLED

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MUSICAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE  *Thy Word Reprise*  |  arr. Patrick Lee

**Leading Worship Today**

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- The Rev. Katie Robb Davis, Associate Pastor
- Kiersten Hill, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- Steve Cearley & Ray Nesbit, Production

- Tegan Palmer, Assistant Music Director
- Tegan Palmer, Martha Cearley, Brendan Schuster, soloists
- Patrick Lee, Pianist
- Paul Day-Lucore, drums; John Ruby, bass; William Perkins, guitar

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From your seats, you may greet one another with waves, nods, smiles, bows, and peace signs.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA
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preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and
blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for
blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his
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2. You are the Light of the world in us reveal all that our eyes can never see. Show us a world, joyful and free, Light of the world. Light of the world bringing lasting peace. Justice and mercy for the weak. Show us the paths our lives must take. Light of the world.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
3. Rich seeds I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (Fm7) (G) (A)

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927

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749  Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hated and violence will be no more. Brothers united in love.

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

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