

# WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

THE SEASON OF LENT: SEARCHING FOR LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

**Prelude** | *Light Dawns on a Weary World* —setting by Aaron David Miller

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**One:** Our God does not see as mortals see.  
We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

**All:** **Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

**One:** Once we lived in darkness, but now—as children of light,  
we are called to what is good and right and true.

**All:** **Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**



**Hymn** | #79 “Light Dawns on a Weary World”



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



*Refrain* The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

## Confession

One: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us admit our brokenness:

**All:** O God, you are always true to us in love, and we are left wanting to say sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another, for our forgetting of the poor and the broken, for our failure to cherish creation. Give us life, O God, to change and enable us to change, that we may live. Amen. *(silence for personal prayer)*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

One: The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

**All:** We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us.

## Confession Response | #673 "Jesus, Light of Joy" —Verse 1

1 Je - sus, light of joy, sur - round us; let your splen - did  
glo - ry shine: source of ev - ery earth - ly bles - sing,  
heav - en's ev - er - last - ing sign. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, we a - dore you, light di - vine.

## The Peace

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

One: Together, let us share words and signs of peace.

## Worshiping With Our Children

### Prayer of Illumination

**All:** Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your holy spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

First Reading | Psalm 23

**All:** 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 right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I 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 my whole life long.

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

Second Reading | Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

Sermon | Rev. Cader Howard

Hymn | #494 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” —Verses 1, 2 and 5



1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of  
2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est  
5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our



life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that  
those that on thee call; to them that seek thee  
mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of



earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.  
thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.  
sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

**Affirmation of Faith** —from the Iona Community

One: With the whole church

**All: we affirm that we are made in God’s image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the spirit.**

One: With people everywhere

**All: we affirm God’s goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

One: With all creation

**All: we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

**Our Response to God’s Generosity**

**Offertory** | *Holy, Holy, Holy* —setting by Keith Kolander

**Prayers of the People** | **The Lord’s Prayer**

**All: 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.

**Hymn** | #853 “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "We Are Marching in the Light of God". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the". The second staff contains: "light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;". The third staff contains: "we are march-ing in the light of God." There are several triplets (groups of three notes) marked with a '3' and a bracket above the notes.

*Additional verses:* We are dancing . . .  
We are praying . . .  
We are singing . . .

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'We Are Marching in the Light of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: 'We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.' The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes).

**Benediction**

**Postlude** | *We Are Marching in the Light of God* —setting by John Carter

**JOIN US ONLINE FOR A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER**

See the instructions on the next page for a **Virtual Gathering Area** on Zoom.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

*Preacher*—Rev. Cader Howard

*Pianist* —Rebecca Erickson

*AV Tech*—Amy Ward

*Special Thanks* —

to Stephanie Frost and Erin Korich for their music in today's service.

**COVID-19 UPDATES**

All in-person activities at the church have been cancelled through at least Easter. Decisions about resuming activities will be made only on the recommendation of the MN Dept of Health and the CDC. During this time, the church office is closed with staff working from home. If you need to contact staff you can call the church office and leave a message: 651-439-4380, or email us at: [church@fpc-stillwater.org](mailto:church@fpc-stillwater.org)

**OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY**

A reminder that if you are sick and live alone or if you are hospitalized, please let someone in the church know so that they can check in on you by telephone. If there is community spread of Covid-19 we'll discourage in-person visits, but please let friends, deacons, or the church office know if you have a need. **Since there is an increased possibility of people being isolated, please check on each other frequently by telephone and let the deacons or church office know about anyone in need.**

**DEACONS**

Members are assigned to a Care Group according to their last names. Senior Care Team is for members living at Oak Park Place, Boutwells, Croixdale, and other senior facilities.

**A-D Care Group—**

Susan Garofano  
Peter King  
Linda Kellar

**E-K Care Group—**

Joan Kieselhorst  
Vickie Graczyk

**L-SL Care Group—**

Brett Emmons  
Patrick McManus  
Jean Marie Ulland

**SM-Z Care Group—**

Misty Segarra  
Roger Tyrrell  
Julie James

**Senior Care Team—**

Rebecca Erickson  
Anne Amundson  
Betty Moore

**Deacon to the Youth—**

Katie Quayle

**SESSION**

Ed Boeve  
Jean Emmons  
Tom Gillaspay  
Faith Kelly  
Tara King  
Jean Morse  
Hannah Quayle  
Stephanie Salman  
Jim Stepan  
Peter Ulland  
Larry Underkoffler  
Donna VonLehe  
Tim Witzmann

# DO YOU MISS SEEING EACH OTHER AND CATCHING UP?

**We're having three video hangouts on Zoom this week for FPC folks!**

**Zoom** is an “app” that allows you to participate in a group meeting online.



If you are new to Zoom, check out this tutorial at:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

To join in, type in the URL addresses below --or- type the in meeting code (9-digit number only) in a Zoom app you downloaded on your smartphone, tablet, or desktop. The app is free! Text Cader if you need assistance: 651-202-8322

**TODAY:** Join us in the **Virtual Gathering Area** after worship. Bring your own coffee and cookies.

<https://zoom.us/j/353106201>

**MONDAYS @ 11 AM: Poetry Group** —facilitated by Tom Gillaspy.

Bring a poem to read—it doesn't have to be your own —or just come to listen.

<https://zoom.us/j/152905131>

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: Coffee Hour** —Pour a hot drink and join us for conversation.

<https://zoom.us/j/566841151>

**EVERY FRIDAY @ 5 PM: Happy Hour**—Pour any drink you want and join us for a chat.!

<https://zoom.us/j/421037313>

## SUPPORT THE MISSION & MINISTRY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please continue to support First Presbyterian with your tithes and offerings.

If you feel so moved, you can send additional donations to help with community assistance through our Emergency Fund and the Cents-ability and Food Shelf Funds.

You can pay online at [www.fpc-stillwater.org](http://www.fpc-stillwater.org) and click on “GIVING”

### MAIL CHECKS TO:

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT!**



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