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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOMBARD



MARCH 19TH, 2023
10AM



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Centering Song Here I Am to Worship 3177 W&S

+ Call To Worship

One: Dawn is breaking. Christ's light is shining.

All: The Light of the world shines in our lives.

One: Put aside the cares of the night, open your eyes to what is here.

All: Through God's love, we live in the light.

One: Even in the darkest valley, God illuminates our path.

All: Even in times of despair, hope shines forth.

One: Those who are sleepy, those who still feel

The sand of slumber, wake up! Christ's light is here.

All: The Light of the world shines in our lives.

+ Opening Prayer

Light of all lights, be our vision this day.

Open our eyes to behold what you see.

And as our eyes are made new, show us our hearts, our homes,
our communities, and our world through your eyes.

Wash away our blind spots

and help us to see where we do not see now.

Let us see your new creation as you envision it,

working with you in the dust of the earth until it is formed.

So that all people may see the salvation of our God.

Through Christ we pray, amen.

Hymn of Praise I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 206 UMH

PROCLAMATION

Children's Time Chris Smith-Kozlowski, *Dir. of Children's Min.*

Nursery care is provided after the children's moment.

Feel free to check on them anytime in our nursery area.

The Word in Music

Mercy
Choir

Scripture Reading John 9:1-41

Sermon Rev. Ginny Rainey

OUR RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Share a prayer concern on one of our prayer cards!

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory and Doxology

Blessing of the Gifts

Generous God, you give us our daily bread and forgive us of our wrongs. You restore us when we are broken in spirit. As you have given to us, so now we share all that we are through these gifts. In this One Great Hour of Sharing, we pray that those in need may find help, especially in times of disaster. Let these gifts be one example of your love for us all. Through Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

* Hymn of Celebration Open the Eyes of My Heart 3008 W&S

*** Charge & Benediction**

Go forth in the light of God, going in as children of the light.

Go forth in the warmth of Christ's love, sharing that love with all you meet.

And go in God's Spirit to share the peace that God gives as the world becomes new. **Amen. We go on this Lenten Journey in God's peace.**