

**Scripture and Prayer for the Week**

"God is the same One who shone in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ."

2 Corinthians 4:6b

*Gracious God, shine into our hearts so that we might send out your light to others. Amen.*

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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our communities and world.

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church affirms the teachings of Jesus Christ by welcoming all of God's children regardless of race, age, gender, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, ethnic background, socioeconomic status, or any other factor that might separate us from each other. All are invited to join our shared journey of faith and participate fully in the life of our church.

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

**4:00 P.M.**

***"Sweet Hour of Prayer"***

**United Methodist Church**

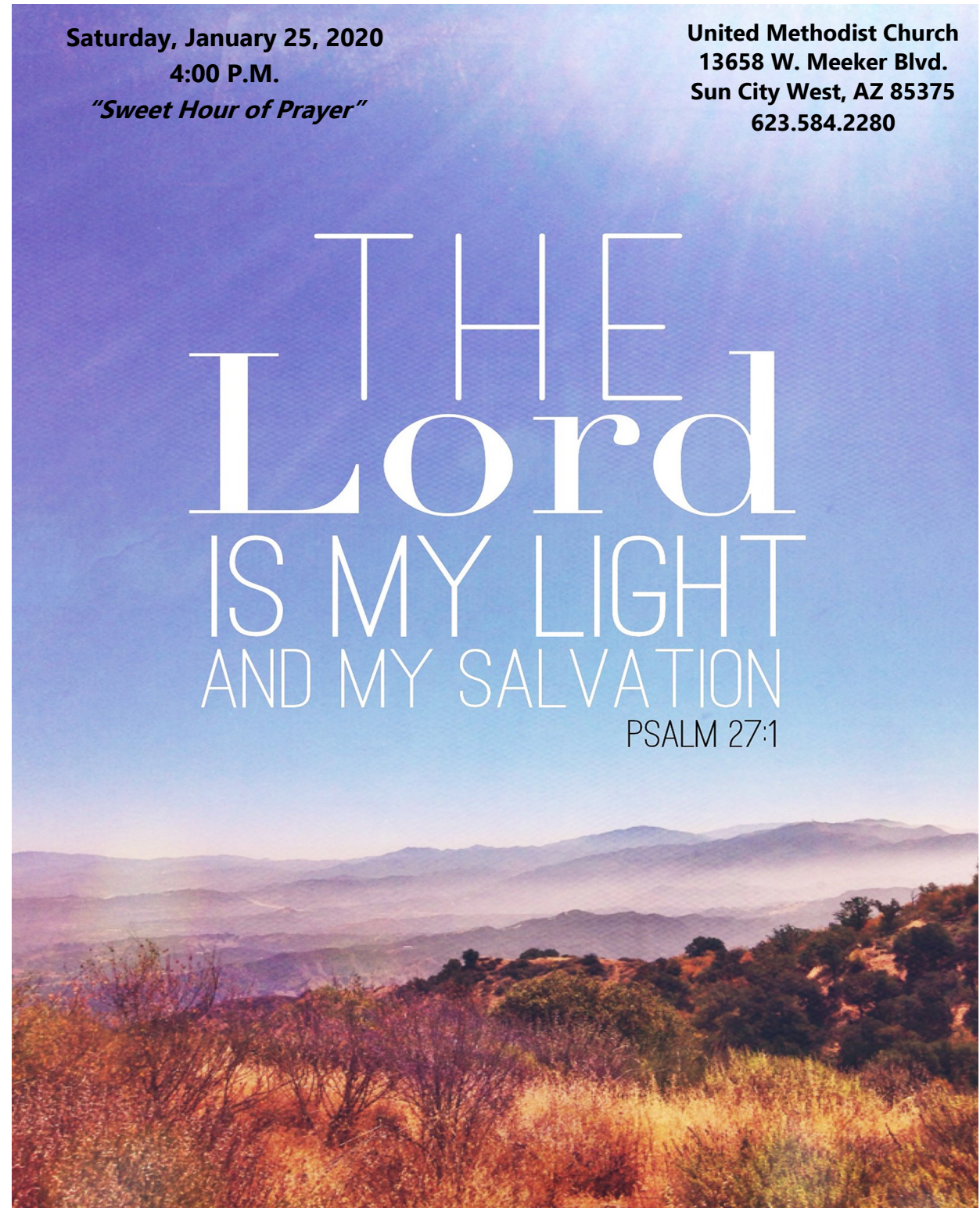
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THE  
Lord  
IS MY LIGHT  
AND MY SALVATION

PSALM 27:1



As we worship . . . Please silence your cell phone.

We Are Chosen

We Are Blessed

We Are Loved

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\* Indicates stand as you are comfortable*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Stephanie Soon

PRELUDE “In Christ Alone” arr. Larry Dalton

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Liturgist

Liturgist: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**People: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**  
Liturgist: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**People: and do not forget all his benefits.**  
**All: bless the Lord, O my soul.**

\*OPENING HYMN “O Spirit of the Living God” UMH #539

\*OPENING LITANY OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Liturgist: You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose.  
**All: I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.**

Liturgist: You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.  
**All: I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.**

Liturgist: You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.  
**All: I closed them, for I did not want to see.**

Liturgist: You asked for my life that you might work through me.  
**All: I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.**

Liturgist: Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you,  
**All: only when it is convenient for us to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so and only with those who make it easy to do so.**

Liturgist: Father, forgive us, renew us, so that we might be your usable instruments.  
**All: that we might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “You are the Light of the World” Bill Moore

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 Liturgist

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO THE WORD

Pastor: Now let the words of my mouth  
**People: And the meditations of our hearts**  
**All: Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.**

MESSAGE “Lighten Up!” Rev. Stephanie Soon

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Thy Word is a Lamp” UMH #601

PRAYERS

PRAYER RESPONSE “Jesu, Jesu” (sing Chorus three times) UMH #432

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Sandy Bradley

OFFERTORY “This Little Light of Mine” Bill Moore

\*HYMN OF PRAISE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Liturgist

THE LORD’S PRAYER - Unison

\*CLOSING HYMN “We Are Marching in the Light of God” TFWS #2235-b  
Vs 1— English Vs 2— Zulu V3— Spanish V4— English

BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Blessed Assurance” arr. Fred Bock

Liturgist Pam Rice

Our Mission Candle shines today in memory of Darrell Wood. From Janet Jones.

Our Shepherd’s Love is extended to the family of Darrell Wood at the news of his death on January 20, 2020. Arrangements are pending at this time.