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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2023**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alma Mooring

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 112)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Leader: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

People: The righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

Leader: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.

People: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor: their righteousness endures forever.

*HYMN

Morning Has Broken

#469 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION (Isaiah 59:12)

“Our offenses are many in your sight,
and our sins testify against us.
Our offenses are ever with us,
and we acknowledge our iniquities.”
Let us confess our offenses to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

**Holy and merciful God,
In your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy
help us to live in your light and abide in your ways
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Exodus 34: 9) unison

**“Although we are a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.” Thanks be to God! Amazing grace has made us God’s own!
Our sins are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Bob Bardin

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 58: 1-12	(pew Bible page 526, 527)
*GOSPEL READING	Matthew 5: 14-16	(pew Bible page 683)
ANTHEM	Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness	Farrell
SERMON	“Keeping the Lights On”	Pastor Bob Bardin
*HYMN	Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life	#408 (Blue)

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Book of Confessions: A Brief Statement of Faith*, PCUSA)

**In a broken and fearful world
the Holy Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Amen.

*HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE Go With Us, Lord #535 (Blue)

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.
Amen.

*POSTLUDE

(*Please stand as you are able.)

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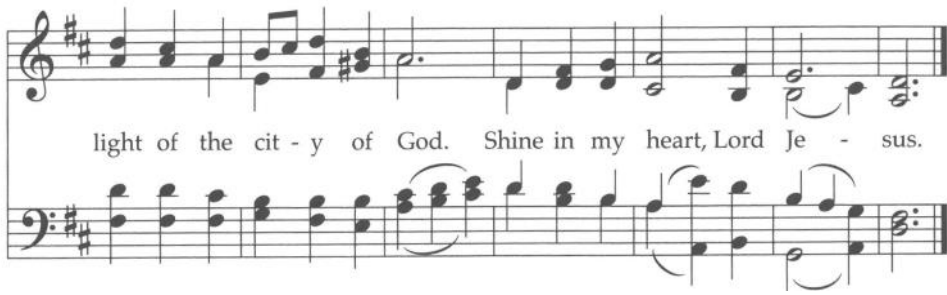
1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the



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This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
Monday	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Tuesday	8:00 am	Walking Club
	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i>
		Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Service Circle at Ribeyes
	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i>
		meeting
Thursday	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

The **Service Circle** will meet this Tuesday, Feb. 7th, at 5:30 pm Ribeyes Steakhouse on Center St. in Mount Olive. All women are welcome.

Worship Attendance: Jan. 29th - 84

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Brenda Schroeder, cardio version
- Catherine Brier, (aunt of Ralph Schroeder, hospice)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Vennie Jordan (mother of Selena Bennett, surgery to repair/replace hardware from previous surgery)
- Sonny Cain's father, (heart issues)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer treatment)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Shelton Blanton, Jan. 18

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- Robbie McSwain
- Rudy Hooks

Please call or email the church office with your prayer concern. Church members and their family will be included in the worship bulletin and e-newsletter for the durations listed above. Please let us know as prayers are answered, so we can celebrate with you; or as needs change, so we know how best to pray with and for you. If you have a confidential concern, please contact Pastor Bob.