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January 21, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 AM

***Theophanies of Light: Dazzled by God's Presence
Stunned in the Darkness***

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30 AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

The Lord is My Light

by Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Listen! In the darkness and the light—

C: God is calling.

L: Listen! In the darkness and the light—

C: God makes God's presence known.

L: What do you do when stunned by God calls?

C: Wake up. Listen. Act.

L: What do you do when God asks you to do something difficult?

***TIME OF CONFESSION²**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of patience and persistence,

C: You have called us by name. You will not let us lounge in bed. You wake us up in the middle of the night to remember that while we are imperfect, it is you who calls us still for good. You will not let us hide under the tree in shame. You summon us from the shade to be changed. You will not let us bury our secrets within the earth. You unearth our fears and speak them aloud. Forgive us, O God, when we sleep on our faith, when we hide from your calling, when we cannot speak. Reveal the words we need most. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 159 NCH (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4, see below)

As With Gladness Those of Old

ALL SING: As with gladness those of old did the guiding star behold. As with joy they hailed its light, leading on ward, breaming bright. So, true Morning Star may we, evermore your splendor see.

Holy Jesus, every day, keep us in the narrow way. And when mortal things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last. Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

1 Samuel 3 (NRSVUE)

(8:00 AM) **HYMN NO 776 WITH ONE VOICE HYMNAL** (see next page)

Be Thou My Vision

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO 776 WITH ONE VOICE HYMNAL** (see next page, vs. 1 & 2)

Be Thou My Vision

(10:30 AM) **INSTALLATION & ORDINATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO 776 WITH ONE VOICE HYMNAL** (see next page, vs. 3, & 4)

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou My Vision

Mary E. Byrne, 1905

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Piano 

1. Be Thou my vi - sion O Lord of my heart. Naught be all
2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my True Word. I ev - er
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain em - pty praise, thou mine in -
4. Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won, may I reach

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else to me save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by
with Thee and Thou with me Lord. Thou my soul's shel - ter
- her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou, and thou on - ly,
heav - en's joy, O heav - en's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

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day and by night. Wa - king or sleep - ing Thy pres - ence my light.
thou my high tower, raise me Thou heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my Pow'r.
first in my heart, great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
- ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Those Who See Light

by Elze/Osuna

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 2237 FWS (see next page, vs. 1 & 2)

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Ruth Duck

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Piano 

1. As a fire is meant for bur - ning with a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a

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bright and warm-ing flame, so the church is meant for mis sion, giv - ing
pil-grims on the way. We are seek-ers; we are giv-ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, so may we be signs of one ness 'mid earth's

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glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or cus-toms, but to
ves-sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac-tions we would
peo-ples, man - y hues. As a rain - bow lights the heav-ens when a

12 

build a bridge of care, we join hands a-cross the na tions, find-ing
show that Christ is light. In a hum-ble, lis-tening Spir - it we would
storm is past and gone, may our lives re-reflect the ra dian-ce of God's

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neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
live to God's de - light.
new and glo-rious dawn.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

Carillon

by Vierne

Here I Am Lord

Dan Schutte, 1981

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

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All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will break their
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est bread I

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stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright. Who will bear my
hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

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light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
word to them. Whom shall I send?
life to them. Whom shall I

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I have heard you call-ing in the night. I will go Lord, if you

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lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

References

¹The Call to Worship is written by Richard Bott, and posted on Sharing Liturgy. <http://liturgy.richardbott.com/> and accessed on 1/16/24.

²The Time of Confession is adapted from the writings of Rev. Elsa A. Peters, Pastor and Teacher of the First Congregational UCC in South Portland, ME, and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website and accessed on 1/16/24.

Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning:

8:00 AM Welcome Team Members

Kathy & Bob Ensminger

8:00 AM Tech Team:

Jack Herlocker & Ron Miles

8:00 AM Liturgist:

Deb Herlocker

10:30 AM Welcome Team Members

Lana Fritz, Tom Mulligan, & Nancy Smith

10:30 AM Tech Team:

Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker, & Paul Ramsey

10:30 AM Liturgist:

Jesse Smith

10:30 AM Praise Team

Tom Bair

Lana Fritz

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