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9:45 AM

**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**In the Dark Streets Shineth: The Light of Calling**

*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, 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 & CONCERNS**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME**

**PRELUDE**

*Baptized in Water*

Traditional

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended.

**C: A voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved."**

L: The waters shimmered with holy light.

**C: Christ entered the river, and the world was made new.**

L: We gather in that same light, named and claimed as God's own.

**C: The light of Christ calls us beloved and sends us to shine.**

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of water and Spirit,

**C: you have called us by name and made us your own. As the light of baptism burns within us, remind us who we are — your beloved children. Send us forth as bearers of your light, to illuminate the world with your love. Your light has found us; shine through us, O God. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 168 NCH** (black hymnal, see below)

*O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word*

# O Radiant Christ Incarnate Word

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The score consists of three systems of music, each with four lines of lyrics underneath. The first system has a measure number '1' at the beginning. The second system has a measure number '4' at the beginning. The third system has a measure number '7' at the beginning. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. O ra-diant Christ, in-car-nate Word, e-ter-nal  
2. Our bar-tered, bus-y lives burn dim, too tired to  
3. Your glo-ry shone at Jor-dan's stream, the font where  
4. O Light of Na-tions, fill the earth; our faith and

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love re-vealed in time: Come, make your home with-in our  
care, too numb to feel. Come, shine up-on our shad-owed  
we were born a-new. At-tune your church to know you  
hope and love re-new. Come, lead the peo-ples to your

7  
hearts, that we may dwell in light sub-lime.  
world: your ra-diance bathes with power to heal.  
near; il-lu-mine all we say and do.  
peace, as stars once led the way to you.

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## **\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

#### TIME OF CONFESSION

P: God of water and Spirit,

**C: we confess that we forget our baptism. We live as though we are unloved, as though the light you placed in us has gone dim. Forgive us, O God. Call us by name again. Wash us in your grace and send us forth as your own. Your light has found us; shine through us, O God. Amen.**

#### REMINDER OF GRACE

P: Hear the good news: God's voice still echoes—"You are my beloved." The Spirit still descends, the light still shines. In Christ, you are forgiven, claimed, and called to shine.

**C: Thanks be to God. The light shines, and the darkness cannot overcome it. Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 164 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4)     *Arise, Your Light is Come*

**ALL SING: Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Travis Pinci*

## **SCRIPTURE**

*Isaiah 42:1-9 (CEB)*

*Matthew 3:13-17 (CEB)*

## **SERMON**

*Pastor Susan Emmons*

**HYMN OF THE DAY FWS NO. 2237** (see next page)

*As a Fire is Meant for Burning*

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# As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Ruth Duck

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Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. As a fire is meant for bur - ning with a bright and warm - ing  
 2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the  
 3. As a green bud in the spring time is a sign of life re -

5  
 flame, so the church is meant for mission, giv - ing glo - ry to God's  
 way. We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of  
 - newed, so may we be signs of one ness' in earth's peo - ples, man - y

9  
 name. Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to build a bridge of  
 clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions we would show that Christ is  
 hued. As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a storm is past and

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 care, we join hands across the na tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.  
 light. In a hum - ble, listen ing Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.  
 gone, may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us gather our hearts now in prayer God of water and Spirit. You call us by name and claim us as your own. You light a flame within us and send us to shine in your world. Renew in us the joy of being your beloved.

**C: Your light has found us; shine through us, O God.**

P: We pray for your world—for those who thirst for justice, for those who hunger for belonging, for all who feel unseen or unnamed. Let your living water wash over this world with grace.

**C: Your light has found us; shine through us, O God.**

P: We pray for your church, gathered and scattered, that we may live our baptism boldly—serving with humility, welcoming with joy, and shining with your love.

**C: Your light has found us; shine through us, O God.**

P: We thank you for the light that already shines among us—for new beginnings, for healing, for moments of courage and clarity that remind us who we are. We name our joys aloud now in thanksgiving.

*(Pause for spoken joys.)*

P: Thank you for the light these joys bring.

**C: Your light has found us; shine through us, O God.**

P: And we lift before you those who need comfort, healing, or strength—those weighed down by illness, grief, or uncertainty. Hear the names we speak aloud or hold in silence.

*(Pause for spoken concerns.)*

P: Give us light when we feel discouraged and filled with grief.

**C: Your light has found us; shine through us, O God.**

P: God of Calling, let your light burn bright within us, that we might walk as your children of grace, beloved and shining in your world.

**C: Amen.**

## TIME FOR SHARING

### INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*River of Glory*

by Schutte

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

L: God of water and Spirit,

**C: you have called us by name and marked us with light. Take these gifts, and take our lives, that both may reflect your love into the world. Let your light shine through us — today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.**

**WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Shine on Us*

by Smith/Greer

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

HYMN NO. 206 UM HYMNAL

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**ALL SING: I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of city of God. Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of city of God. Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of city of God. Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.**

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

HYMN NO. 605 UM HYMNAL *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

**ALL SING: Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.**

**We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares. One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.**

**O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: God of light and life,

**C: We thank You, for feeding us with this holy meal in which Christ's light has met us again. As we go from this place, renew in us the grace of baptism, that we may shine with Your love in every shadowed place we go. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 160 NCH** (black hymnal, see next page)

*Jesus, the Light of the World*

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

# Jesus, the Light of the World

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

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**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, Jesus, the light of the world;
2. Joy-ful, all you saints a - rise, Jesus, the light of the world;
3. Christ, by highest heaven a - dored, Jesus, the light of the world;
4. Hail the Bear-er of God's peace! Jesus, the light of the world;

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Glo - ry to the Christ-child bring, Jesus, the light of the world.  
 Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world.  
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Word, Jesus, the light of the world.  
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous - ness! Jesus, the light of the world.

16

*Refrain*

We will follow the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mercy are

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bright, Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world.

32

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.



## **\*BENEDICTION**

L: Go now, beloved of God, washed in grace and marked by light.

**C: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine — in faith and love.**

L: Where will you shine your light?

**C: We will shine our light of calling and belonging —in our words, our work, and our witness.**

P: God will use your shining light of faith to kindle hope in others and renew the world with love. So go, children of the Light — named, claimed, and sent by the Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Rain Down*

by Cortez

Thank you to Pastor Susan Emmons for presiding over worship today.

Thank you to the worship choir for enhancing the worship service with their talents this morning!

**Welcome Team Members—** Tori Everhart, Charlie Hull

**Liturgist—** Jen Miller

**Tech Team—** John Kollasch, Joe Vacante

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