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CHRIST
CHURCH

November 6, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Josh & Mandi Rodenbeck

Silent Meditation John 16:33

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

G O D C A L L S U S T O W O R S H I P

Call to worship Colossians 1:15-20

Elder Dan Churchwell

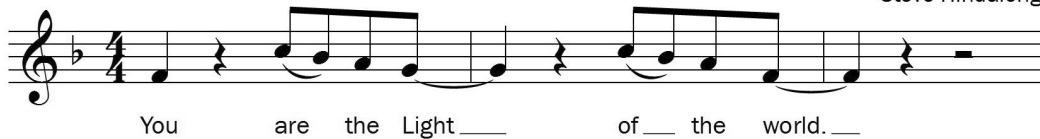
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

* *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

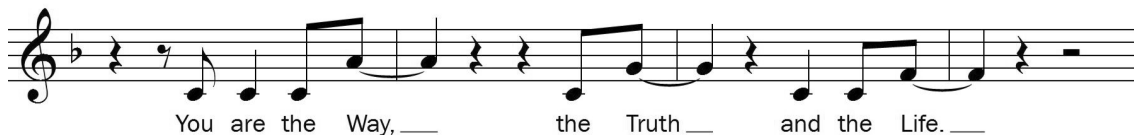
Trinity Hymnal 103

* *Marvelous Light*

Steve Hindalong



You are the Light of the world.



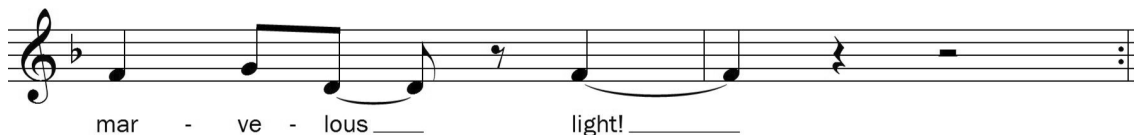
You are the Way, the Truth and the Life.



You are the Light of the world.



Lead us out of dark - ness and in - to Your



mar - ve - lous light!

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* *Invocation*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

choir

arr. Noel Goemann

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all sunshine (as in *illuminated*)
In the greatness of our Lord.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Isaiah 63:7

I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord,
the praises of the Lord,
according to all that the Lord has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of forgiveness

II Corinthians 1:20-22

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

8:30 service: During the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:15 service: Church bags are available in the foyer.

* ***Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee***

Trinity Hymnal 645

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Ephesians 3:1-13

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon How Not to Lose Heart
Find Good Soil

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Sink Deep Roots –

Bear Good Fruit

Embrace Four Seasons

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DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *God is Good*

Jonathan McReynolds

The musical score is written in treble clef, D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music. Each line includes a melody line with lyrics underneath and guitar chords written above the staff. The chords are: D, G, D/F#, Em, D, A/C#, Bm, A, D, D/F#; G, D/F#, Em, D, A/C#, Bm, A, D; G, D, G, D, F#, F#/A#, Bm, D; G, D, G, D, E, A, D, D/F#; G, D, G, D, E, A, D.

May your strug - gles keep you near the cross. May your
trou - bles show that you need God. And may your
bat - tles end the way they should and may your
bad days prove that God is good, yes let your
whole life prove that God is good.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Trays will be passed through the rows. The bread served is gluten free.
Hold the bread or cup until all are served and we'll partake together.*

During the passing of the bread *Psalm 16: When in the Night I Meditate*

congregation

1 When in the night I med - i - tate on
 2 For - ev - er in my thought the LORD be -
 3 My in - most be - ing thrills with joy and

mer - cies mul - ti - plied, my grate - ful heart in -
 fore my face shall stand; se - cure, un - moved, I
 glad - ness fills my breast; be - cause on him my

spires my tongue to bless the LORD, my guide.
 shall re - main, with him at my right hand.
 trust is stayed, my flesh in hope shall rest.

4 I know that I shall not be left forgotten in the grave, that from corruption, thou, O LORD, thy holy one wilt save.

5 The path of life thou showest me; of joy a boundless store is ever found at thy right hand, and pleasures evermore.

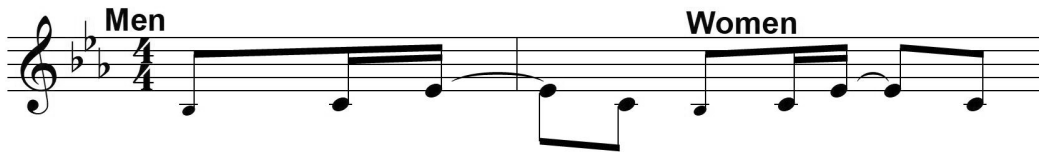
During the passing of the cup

His Kingdom Now Is Come

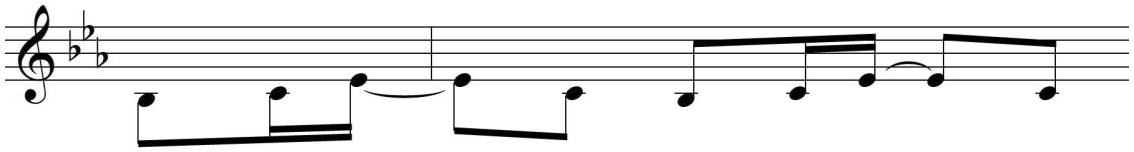
congregation

Men begin. Women echo. Sing each verse twice.

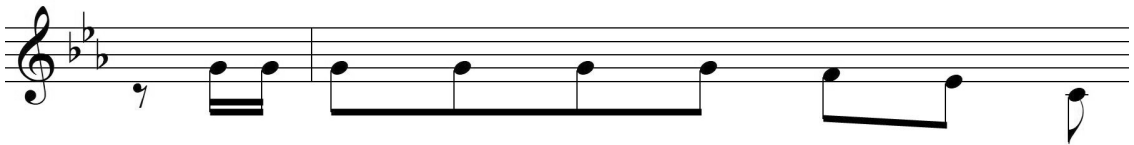
Porter's Gate



1. The light _____ shines _____ (*the light shines*)
 2. The val - leys _____ (*the val - leys*)
 3. Hear the voice _____ cry (*hear the voice cry*)



in the dark - ness _____ (*in the dark - ness*)
 will be lift - ed _____ (*will be lift - ed*)
 from the high - way, (*from the high - way*)



and the dark - ness has not ov - er - come
 and the moun - tains will be brought down low.
 "Make way for the Prince of Peace!"



(*and the dark - ness has not ov - er come*)
 (*and the moun - tains will be brought down low*)
 (*"Won't you make way for the Prince of Peace!"*)



Be - hold! Be-hold! His king - dom now is come. _____

Prayers of the People

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.

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Offertory *Holy, Holy, Holy* string quartet arr. Tom Jennings

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee.
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name In earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

* **Doxology** Trinity Hymnal 731

* **Benediction**

*Kids and All: You are invited to come forward
and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.*

* **And All the People Said Amen!**

**And all the people said "Amen!"
Oh, and all the people said "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends.
And all the people said "Amen!"**

* **Postlude**

Worship musicians
Adult Choir
Sarah Griffioen, director

Leah Paasche, flute
Jaci Yasugi, violin
Theo Yasugi, cello

Margaret Yasugi, violin
Dora Lindgren, viola
Susan Guerra, piano & guitar