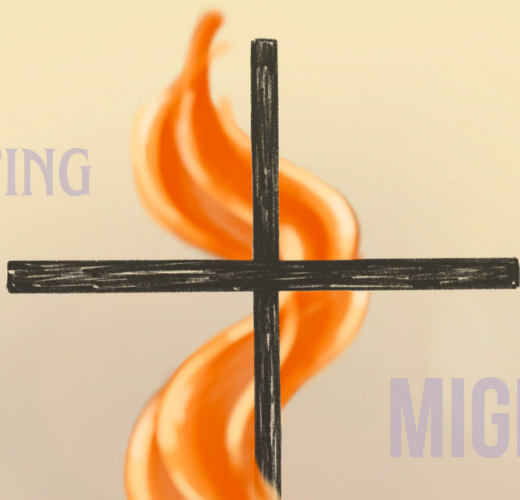


EVERLASTING



MIGHTY GOD

WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR

FATHER

Prince of Peace



A LIGHT SHINING IN DARKNESS

Prelude *A Christmas Package* brass & percussion

arr. Wesley Hanson

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Advent Wreath The Christ Candle

Nathan and Bethany Slusher
Ellie, Gideon, Cyrus, Justus

Psalm 40: Wait for the Lord

Refrain Em C Am6 B

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Em D G Am B Em

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

* Please rise in body and/or in spirit.

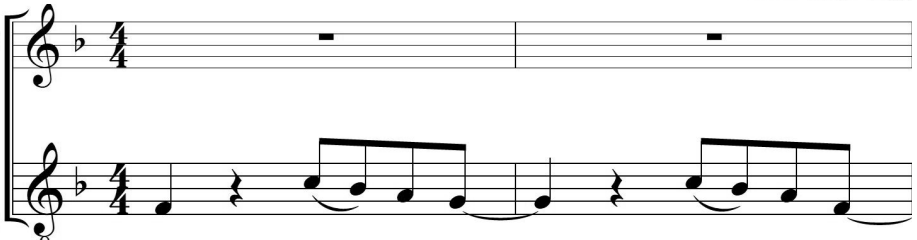
Marvelous Light

1st time ALL sing lower line.

2nd time MEN/BOYS sing lower line. WOMEN/GIRLS sing upper line.

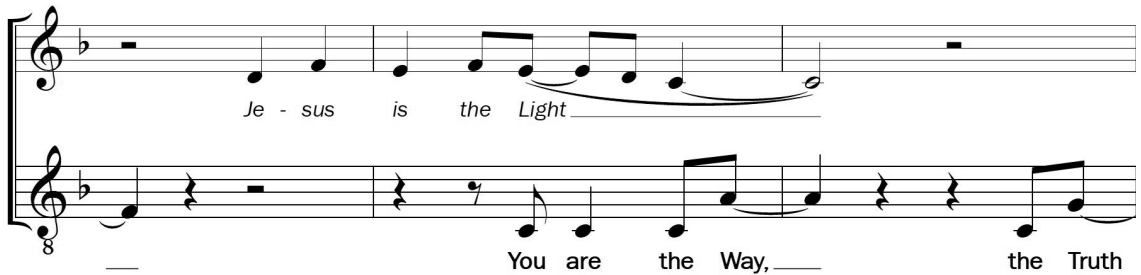
Steve Hindalong

2nd time-WOMEN



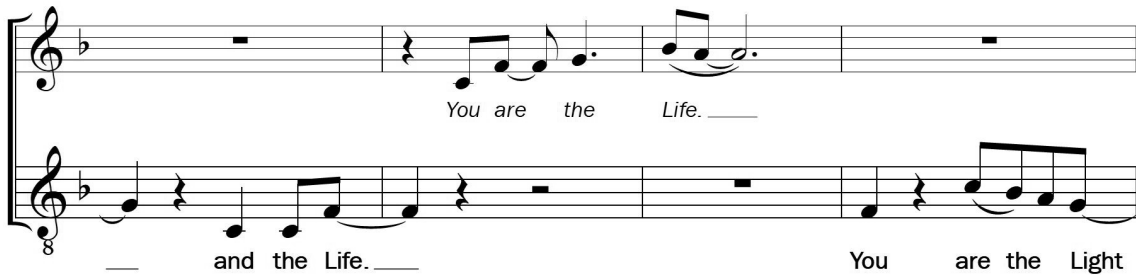
1st time-ALL
2nd time-MEN

You are the Light of the world.



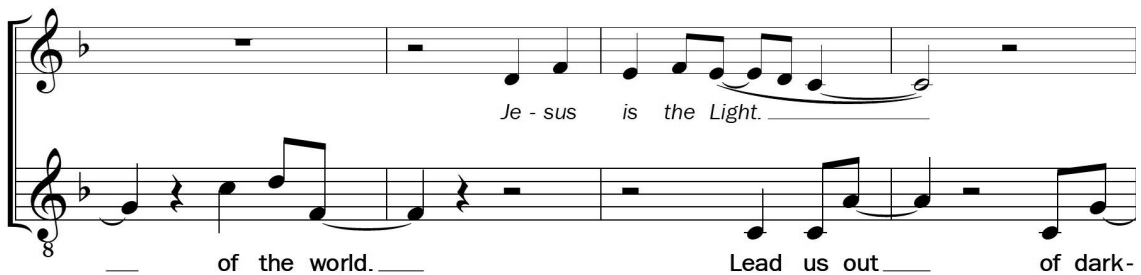
Je - sus is the Light

— You are the Way, — the Truth



You are the Life. —

— and the Life. — You are the Light



Je - sus is the Light.

— of the world. — Lead us out — of dark-

Lead us out ___ of dark-
 - ness and in - to ___ Your mar - ve - lous light! ___ [1st time repeat
 & sing from beginning]

- ness and in - to ___ Your mar - ve - lous light! ___
 and in - to ___ Your mar - ve - lous light! ___

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to worship Isaiah 9:2, 6

Elder Jim Visser

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
 on them has light shone....
 For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given;
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
 and his name shall be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

* *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Trinity Hymnal 203

* *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Trinity Hymnal 207

* **Invocation**

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Isaiah 35:1-4

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Luke 4:16-22

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?”

Church bags are available in the foyer.

* *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

Trinity Hymnal 200

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

^{3:10} When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³ Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

⁵ Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city.

⁶ Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

The Gift of Grace

Grace for the Openly Rebellious

Grace for the Outwardly Religious

Grace Beyond Our Reason

Receiving Grace

Resting

Activating

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *Once in Royal David's City* Trinity Hymnal 225

* *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come* Trinity Hymnal 195

Prayers of the People

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Offertory *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* brass & percussion arr. Dana Everson

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray;

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father,
a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born
the son of God by name.

"Fear not, then," said the angel,
"let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's pow'r and might."

* *Gloria Patri* Trinity Hymnal 734

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*Kids and All: You are invited to come forward
to play the bells and wave the flags as we sing our closing Amen song.*

* **Benediction**

* Amen!

traditional spiritual

A - men, a - men!

1. See him in the man - ger,
2. Now he is our Sav - ior,
3. Sing it o - ver,

A - men, a - men, a men.

*just a lit - tle ba - by.
and his name is Je - sus!
sing it o - ver!*

*Hear the an - gels sing - ing!
Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry hal - le - lu - ia!*

A - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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