

Traditional Service11:00 am

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send,
and who will go for us?”
Here we are, Send us.
We come to worship God who calls, the Spirit who equips, and
the Savior who sends.
Let us worship God.

PreludeWe Believe in One True God
(Composer: Johann Pachelbel)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn #553How Great Thou Art

Responsive ReadingPsalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
so why should I be afraid?
**The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger,
so why should I tremble?**
When evil people come to devour me,
when my enemies and foes attack me,
they will stumble and fall.
**Though a mighty army surrounds me,
my heart will not be afraid.**
The one thing I ask of the Lord—
the thing I seek most—
**Is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
delighting in the Lord’s perfections
and meditating in his Temple.**
For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me
in his sanctuary.
He will place me out of reach on a high rock.
**Then I will hold my head high
above my enemies who surround me.**
At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing
and praising the Lord with music.
**Hear me as I pray, O Lord.
Be merciful and answer me!**
My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.”
And my heart responds, “Lord, I am coming.”
**Do not turn your back on me.
Do not reject your servant in anger.**
**All Together: You have always been my helper.
Don’t leave me now; don’t abandon me,
O God of my salvation!**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
We confess, O God, that we are ever wandering away from the path
chosen by You. You say we are the salt of the earth, but we avoid
engaging the world with your Good News. You say we are the light of the
world, but the darkness gets the best of us and makes us second guess.

Forgive us, O God, for not trusting in who you say we are in the world
and the call for our lives. Help us to step out in faith to bring about your
good purposes and radiant light in the world.
(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness
Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ResponseGlory be to the Father#961

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.

Passing the Peace

Joining God’s MissionProduction Ministry

Hymn #737Have Thine Own Way, Lord
(verse 1,2 and 4)

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 49:5-7 & Matthew 5:14-16**
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

SermonBeing a Light

Sent: Joining God’s Mission in Everyday Life

Musical ReflectionThis Little Light of Mine

(Arr. by Joel Raney)

Doxology
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #869Here I Am, Lord

Benediction

PostludeCome, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

(Composer: Cruger/Emily Maxson Porter)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Kids Time	Ed Burton
Joining God's Mission	Mike Pagenkopf
Director of Traditional Music	Yongmin Kim
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Song Leader	Natalie Mustea
Organist	Sharon Peterson
Scripture Reader	Kyle Peterson (9:30)
	Kevin Vanhoozer (11:00)
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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

House of the Lord

Prayer of Confession

In Christ Alone

Kids Time

Passing the Peace

Announcements

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Joining God’s Mission

Production Ministry

Scripture Reading Isaiah 49:5-7 & Matthew 5:14-16
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Being a Light
Sent: Joining God’s Mission in Everyday Life

Closing Song

Great Are You Lord

Prayers of the People

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Opening Discussion

In what ways do we live in a dark world? What makes it dark?

Read Isaiah 49:5-6

1. How does the prophet Isaiah describe himself in verse 5? What was his calling and purpose? (v.5)
2. In the time of Isaiah, the tribes of Israel were in exile. How did Isaiahs calling relate to them? (v. 6a)
3. In addition to being a light to his own people; who did God want Isaiah to be a light for as well? (v. 6b)
4. Read John 8:12. How did Jesus further fulfill this prophecy through his life, death and resurrection? What promise did Jesus make to all who believed in him?
5. How has Jesus called us to be light in the world? In what ways do we attempt to hide our light? Why? (Matthew 5:14-16)
6. In what ways has the Lord formed, called and equipped you to bless others and help them return to God?
7. How does the light of Christ help and empower you to go out into the world and join in God’s mission?

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