Traditional Service

11:00 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.

Prelude

We Believe in One True God

(Composer: Johann Pachelbel)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn #553 How Great Thou Art

Responsive Reading

Psalm 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!

Response Glory 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

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Hymn #737 Have 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!

Being a Light

Sent: Joining God's Mission in Everyday Life

Musical Reflection

This Little Light of Mine
(Arr. by Joel Raney)

Doxology

Sermon

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 #869 Here I Am, Lord

Benediction

Postlude Come, 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

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Praise Music

Village Church Worship Band

Kids Time

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Choral Music
Song Leader
Organist
Scripture Reader

Kids Time
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Yongmin Kim
Village Church Choir
Natalie Mustea
Sharon Peterson
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

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Announcements

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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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

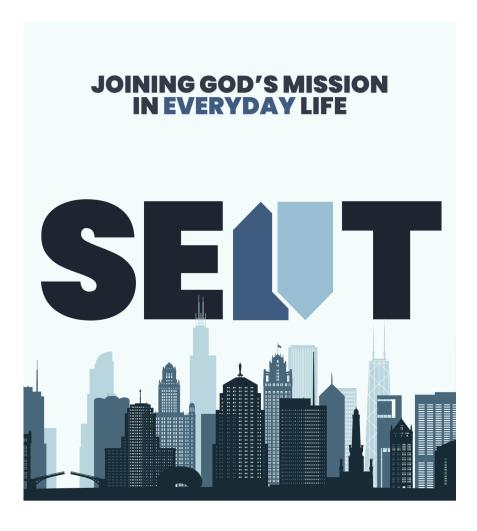
- 1. How does the prophet Isaiah describe himself in verse 5? What was his calling and purpose? (v.5)
- 2. In the time of Isaiah, the tribes of Israel were in exile. How did Isaiahs calling relate to them? (v. 6a)
- 3. In addition to being a light to his own people; who did God want Isaiah to be a light 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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