

TOLLING OF THE BELL

WORDS OF GREETING

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

All: **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie*

Maurice Duruflé

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.

All: **All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**

One: God gathers us from far away and carries us. With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

All: **We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN #744

*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON; LAW OF GOD

RESPONSE #447

*We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

(Children kindergarten and younger may go upstairs to the nursery. 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Agape Kidz, music and crafts with Ms. Talbert. All children are welcome to remain with their families throughout the worship service. We really do like having them around.)

**Jesus bids us shine, with a clear, pure light,  
Like a little candle burning in the night; In this world of darkness, we must shine,  
You in your small corner, And I in mine.**

RESPONSE #458

*Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

THY WORD

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 4:12-23 (p. 3, NT Pew Bible)

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 690, OT Pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Tara N. Reck

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN #314

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Nina McMahon

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

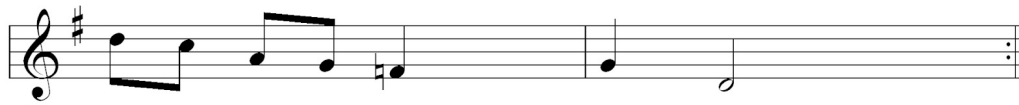
Open Unto Me



O - pen un - to me light for my dark - ness. Light for my dark - ness  
O - pen un - to me strength for my weak - ness. Strength for my weak - ness  
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MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Hope Health Clinic*

Janet Warren

THE GIVING OF GIFTS

(As the ushers prepare to receive the tithes and offerings, please sign the pew pads and pass them to your neighbor in the pew.  
January EACM pantry needs: dish soap, laundry detergent 4-5T pull-up diapers, fruit juice, spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes)

Invitation to Offering  
Offertory

*Eternal Light*

Mark Schweizer

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING; THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN #837

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

SHOWALTER

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*  
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

Mark Sedio

**Our Concerns:** Sally Brink, Pat Roberts (Pam Cooley's brother), Linda Reichenbecher, Jo Galloway, Ray Cashen (Larry Cashen's brother), Lionel & Ellie Hawse (friends of Larry Cashen), Peg Revell, Bill Witherspoon, Marsha Biven, Nita Watkins (Valerie Holcomb's mother), Dodie McKenzie's mother and Judy Pearsall

