

**Order of Worship**  
March 26th 2023 ~ The 5th Sunday of Lent

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Call to Worship**

Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.  
We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.  
**Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.**  
Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.  
We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.  
**May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.**  
Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.  
We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.  
**As we grow in faith, trust and love for God, may our worship,  
witness and service bring honour to God's Holy Name. Amen.**

— written by Joan Stott

**Hymn of Praise**

*Here I Am Lord*  
Dan Schutte

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain**

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord,  
if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

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## Opening Prayer

We worship the God who inhabits our world  
and indwells our lives.

We need not look up to find God,  
we need only to look around:  
within ourselves,  
beyond ourselves,  
into the eyes of another.

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,  
we need only listen to the music of life,  
the words of children,  
the questions of the curious,  
the rhythm of a heartbeat.

We worship the God who inhabits our world  
and who indwells our lives.

**Amen.**

~ posted on the Presbyterian Church

## Special Music

*Long As I Can See The Light*  
John Fogerty

## Scripture Reading

Esteban Ferrer, reader

***Psalm 139 7:12***  
**NIV**

Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?  
8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
10 even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.  
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,"  
12 even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

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

***Matthew 5:14-16;43-48***  
**NIV**

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.  
43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## **Sermon**

*Spread the Light – Part 2/2*

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Prayers of the People**

Esteban Ferrer, reader

## **Offertory**

*We Are The Light Of The World*

Jean Anthony Greif

## **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him all creatures here below**

**Praise Him above ye heav'nly host**

**Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**

**Amen**

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## **Communion**

## **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Closing Hymn

*I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light*  
WS #128

### Verse 1

I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God set the stars to give light to the world  
The star of my life is Jesus

### Chorus

In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

### Verse 2

I want to see the brightness of God  
I want to look at Jesus  
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father

### Chorus

In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

### Verse 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ  
I want to follow Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race  
We shall know the joy of Jesus

### Chorus

In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

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## Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

**Amen.**

– BCP

## Blessing

## Postlude

***Our love in action now begins***

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This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by  
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

*Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!*

Greeters - Sherri Goodwin, Dean Goodwin, Rhonda Coxon  
Readers - Esteban Ferrer & Montana Flynn  
Altar - Sue de Campo

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