



February 5, 2017 11:15 a.m.

Gathering Song #658

"God Is So Good"

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

We are called to follow –
to walk in the way of justice and righteousness,
for we are children of God!

We are called to serve –
to be Christ with and for one another,
for we are the salt of the earth!

We are called to shine –
to be beacons of hope and witnesses to truth,
for we are the light of the world!

Come, you who are claimed as children of God,
you who are called to be salt and light.

Let us worship the Lord!

Song #192

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Call to Confession

Isaiah 58:6

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?”

God summons us to ministries of justice and compassion,

but we often fall short in pursuing that call.

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God – Lover of Justice, Giver of Mercy – You call us to share our bread with the hungry and to open our homes to the homeless, to care for the poor and to satisfy the needs of those who suffer. Some of your commandments are easy to follow; others require so much of us! How can we break the chains of injustice, and untie the cords of the yoke? When we consider the brokenness of our world, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. Forgive us when we use our sense of helplessness as an excuse. Remind us, we pray, that you are at work in and through us to bring about your kingdom. Free us from fear and stir our hearts toward a greater generosity, that we might be the salt and light you have called us to be. Amen.

"The Lord will guide you continually; God will satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail."

Children of God, hear this promise and believe the good news:

God's love washes over us; God's grace abounds!

Passing of the Peace

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-20

Sarah Etshman, Lay Reader

Response (#314, refrain)

Message

"Be the Light"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Song #312

"Take Us As We Are, O God"

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Communion of the People

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**We come from east and west,
and from north and south
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

Come! This is the Lord's table;
all who hope in Christ are welcome here.

Let us share the feast Christ has prepared!

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Response #593

"Holy, Holy"

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion

Song #744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Sending

Response

"This Little Light of Mine"

*Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room
for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our Traditional Service, held in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m., includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Our other Service, Living Mosaics, is held in Rodney Chapel at 11:15 a.m. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by the Kline family in loving memory of Ann.

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Cartmell, Julie Petrovick, and Barbara Scanlan who were recently hospitalized.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.



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Pianist: Paul Fleckenstein

Song Leader: Diana Milburn

Digital Artist: Bob Cox

Guitarist: Mathew Lavanish

