

Morning Prayer

1/29/24

As we begin the day, we focus on our calling to live faithfully, for who knows what today holds?

Opening: Your word is a lamp to our feet **and a light for our path.**

Prayer Insistent God, by night and day you summon your slumbering people: So stir us with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace that we give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry. **Amen.**

Song **Here I am to Worship**

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made, this heart adore you

Hope of a life spent with you

Chorus: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came, to the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor (Chorus)

Praise *Psalm 27:1, 5-6, 10-11 43*

God is my light and my salvation;

whom then shall I fear?

God is the strength of my life;

of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing I seek:

that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life, to behold

your fair beauty, O God, and to seek you in your temple.

Hearken to my voice, O Most High, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."

Your face, O God, will I seek.

Scripture *John 1:35-38*

The next day, John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?”

Meditation *The eye of the cormorant is emerald. The eye of the eagle is amber. The eye of the grebe is ruby. The eye of the ibis is sapphire. Four gemstones mirror the minds of birds, birds who mediate between heaven and earth. We miss the eyes of the birds, focusing only on feathers. Terry Tempest Williams*

We will observe a moment of silence as we reflect on the questions:

What are we looking for? Where have we failed to look?

Affirmation **We are not alone; we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. in life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Prayers
Jesus, you are the light of the world:
may your light open our eyes to see those in need.
Jesus, you are the light of the world:
may the works of our lives demonstrate your love.
Jesus, you are the light of the world:
may your wisdom enlighten our decisions.
Jesus, you are the light of the world,
hear the prayers of our hearts: *Please add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.* As you enlighten our lives,
may we be light for others.

Lord’s Prayer

Going Out Hymn #458 - Thy Word

Benediction Open our eyes that we may see.

Incline our hearts that we may desire.

Order our steps that we may follow

the way of your commandments. **Amen.**

Now, may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**