

**St Paul's
UCC**

**Henderson
MN**

**February
5th,
2023**



Organ Prelude

**Ringling of
the Bell**

***Call to Worship**

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's
commandments!

**Come, let us gather together to hear
God's Word.**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of
compassion.

**Come, let us gather together to shine light
into the darkness.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their
righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold
up their head with honor.

**Come let us gather together to be fed and
filled at the Lord's table so that we may feed
and fill those in need.**

**Come let us gather together to worship our
Lord!**

Invocation

We gather in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Let There Be Light, O God of Hosts

#589

Let there be light, O God of hosts!
Let there be wisdom on the Earth!
Let broad humanity have birth!
Let there be deeds instead of
boasts!

Within our passionate hearts instill

The calm that ends all
strain and strife;

Make us your ministers of life;

Purge us from lusts
that curse and kill!

Give us the peace
of senses clear
To know our neighbors'
good our own;
To hope and suffer not alone,
Bonded in love
that conquers fear!

Let woe and waste
of warfare cease,
That useful labor yet may build
Its homes with love
and laughter filled!
God, give your wayward
children peace!

***Confession**

Holy One in three, you call us to take delight in your Word and we choose to dismiss it as powerless. You call us to bring light into the world and instead we hide in the darkness in fear. You call us to be generous and just in dealing with one another, and we instead choose to hoard what you have given us and to use our power to build inequality in the world.

Forgive us, O merciful God as you hear the words of our hearts as we confess in silence before you and our neighbor.

**Silent Confession*

Our failings are many and your mercy is great.
Forgive us, O merciful God.

***Words of Assurance**

Our God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and generously made us alive together with Christ. By the Grace of our God you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God, strengthen you through
the Holy Spirit to dwell on the Word, to
be light in the world, and to be
generous and just in our needy world.
Christ lives in your hearts through faith.
Thanks be to God! Amen

Gloria Patri

***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.***

*Welcome
&
Announcements*



Holy
Bible

CHILDREN'S SERMON



Scripture Reading Matthew 5: 13 - 20

Salt and Light

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

THE SERMON



You Are the Salt for the Earth, O People #181

You are the salt for the earth,
O people, salt for the reign of God!
Share the flavor of life,
O people, life in the City of God!

Bring forth the reign of mercy,
Bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill,
O people, light for
the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright,
O people, shine for
the City of God!

Bring forth the reign of mercy,
Bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

You are a seed of the Word,
O people, bring forth
the reign of God!
Seeds of mercy and
seeds of justice,
Grow in the City of God!

Bring forth the reign of mercy,
Bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

We are a blessed and
a pilgrim people,
Bound for the reign of God!
Love our journey and
love our homeland,
Love is in the City of God!

Bring forth the reign of mercy,
Bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer

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 and ever. Amen.

Cares Chorus

*I cast all of my cares upon you.
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And any time I don't know what to do,
I will cast all of my cares upon you.*



Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread #342

Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
O Savior, stay with us and spread
your table in our heart.

Here share with us
in love divine,
your body and your blood;
That living bread,
that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of

Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the

Bread and Cup



Post Communion Prayer

**We have been fed, Holy One, by
your presence.**

**We have been Led, Eternal One, by
your light.**

**May we bask in this glow now and
forevermore. Amen**

Invitation

Offertory Music

OFFERING
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD



Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

God of abundance, you share with us your light, all that we have, and your justice. Send us into the world to bring the power of your Word, to fill the needy, and to bring a unity of love to a divided world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

This Little Light of Mine #524

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine;
everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All through the night,
I'm gonna let it shine;
all through the night,
I'm gonna let it shine.

All through the night,
I'm gonna let it shine;

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



*Benediction
& Blessing*