



JOHN 1:9, ESV

The
TRUE LIGHT,
WHICH GIVES
LIGHT TO EVERYONE,
WAS COMING INTO
THE WORLD.

Grove Presbyterian Church

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The Reverend Jason Clapper, Pastor*

Worship Service

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Jan 2, 2022 10:15 AM

*Worshippers are invited to sing and read text and lyrics printed in **bold type**. Standing is invited wherever you see an asterisk (*). Please wear a mask indoors.*

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

"Morning Prayer"

Call to Worship

One: Today is a new day filled with faith, hope, and love.

Rejoice in the richness of the meaning of these words, rejoice that a new year is here, rejoice to know that redemption is real, and rejoice for a new call to action.

All: **May this new year, 2022, be our best Christian do-over.**

Let us shine as God's servant leaders.

*Gathering Hymn

Hymnal no. 327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Prayer of Confession

We come to church on Sundays hearing the gospel, and when we depart, we have little time to let the light shine from and through the word. We overtly sin while yet we think otherwise. How self-righteous, self-consumed, and elitist we are! We have great sorrow for death yet celebrate death through other means. We chant for justice but are not willing to dirty our hands. We have empathy for those who cannot eat, but we rarely supply a meal. We speak of homelessness and are enraged, but won't let those in need stay in our house. We are happy for Caesar to distribute wealth but dare not share our own resources. We no longer take care of our family, neighbors in need, or church members for whatever implausible reason. We are robots

ted to our phones and social media, with little awareness of life. Make us change; help us to see your light to become servants for and of you.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

“As surely as I am the living God,” says the Lord, “everyone will kneel before me, and everyone will confess that I am God.” Every one of us, then, will have to give an account to God. For your sake we are always in the danger of death; we are treated like sheep that are going to be slaughtered. Know that in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us. Our pardon and redemption are real, for Christ did not come to us to be a judge but to be our savior.

*Response

Hymnal no. 842

“The Lord Is My Light” -Theme 1

Sing 3 times

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children’s Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

New Testament Reading

John 1:1-18

Sermon

“This Little Light of Mine, I’m Gonna Let It Shine”

Moment of Reflection

Celebration of Holy Communion



As we invite you to partake in Holy Communion, we encourage those at home to use your own bread and fruit of the vine. We will share the elements together.

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

*Sending Hymn

Hymnal no. 749

“Come! Live in the Light!”

*Blessing

Postlude

arranged by David Cherwien

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

Unison

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

842 The Lord Is My Light

(Psalm 27)

Theme I



The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in



God I trust; in God I trust. The

Theme II



The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in



God I trust; in God I trust. The

**Each of the two themes can be sung separately, either in unison or as a round.
The two themes can also be sung together.*

PSALM 27

Refrain

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 **When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
**and though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in the LORD.**
- 4 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
**to behold the fair beauty of the LORD,
to seek God in the temple. Refrain**

This adaptation of Psalm 27:1 from the Taizé Community provides an effective refrain for a responsive reading of the whole psalm. The two melodies can be sung either in harmony or as a round. The refrain can also be used on its own during congregational candlelighting services.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



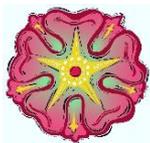
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Participants in today's service: Jack Gibson (worship leader); Beth Christian, Vivian Wertz (deacons); Lynne Pabst (children's sermon, communion); Scott Lawvere (audio/video); Joy Christian (organist); W. Todd Gibson (pulpit supply)



Flowers today are given by Swanee Marcus to the glory of God, with gratitude and blessings for the New Year.

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