

Sunday Service for January 19, 2020

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “You Are My All in All” -arr. D. Wagner

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: We gather in worship to meet God who touches our needs and strengthens us.

All: Yet sometimes it seems we have to wait longer than necessary for God to appear.

One: We remember times God drew us up from pain and sorrow, where is God now?

All: We have this assurance, God’s powerful love initiates healing, and puts a new song in our mouth.” Let us worship God!

• GATHERING HYMN #631 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

• GATHERING PRAYER (*In unison*)

We come to church hungry, Lord! We are hungry for comfort, hungry for love, hungry for peace, and hungry for your word which gives us a new way to live. Thank you for giving us this place and this time to worship. We hope you sense our eagerness to taste your goodness in community, with our brothers and sisters, and share it with the world around us.

• SILENT PRAYER

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.)

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST Peace - Amani

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*See insert*) “Open Our Eyes” (*See insert*)
(All Children leave for Sunday school ages 3 years – 5th grade)

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 40:1-11** *(Hymnal 740)*
 Isaiah 49:1-7 *(page 679)*
Second Reading: **John 1:29-42** *(page 92)*
 I Corinthians 1:1-9 *(page 165)*

SERMON

CHOIR ANTHEM “We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light” -arr. H. Hopson
(Congregation will sing during parts of this song – See insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER *(In unison)*

**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.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “I Love to Tell the Story” -arr. G. Young

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” *(Sung by all)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS *(In unison)*

God of every place and time, we are grateful for the privilege of being counted among your children. We thank you for steadfast love and compassion poured into each moment of life. May these gifts help us, through the clouds and confusion, to see the peace and restoration you offer in Jesus Christ. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN #552 “Standing on the Promises” *(Verses 1, 2, & 4)*

• BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Sing the Glad Song” -F. Ritter

740 PSALTER

Psalm 40:1-3, 9-11

RESPONSE

Psalm 40:11, adapt.
Traditional Dutch melody

God, your mer-cy is up - on us as we place our trust in you.

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- 1 I waited patiently for the LORD,
who inclined to me and heard my cry,
- 2 who drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure,
- 3 who put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD. R
- 9 I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O God.
- 10 I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.
- 11 Do not, O God, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever. R

Open Our Eyes

B. C.

BOB CULI

$\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 108$

D $\frac{A^7}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ Gadd⁹ G $\frac{G}{F\sharp}$ Em⁷ A⁷ A⁶ A⁹ $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{D}{C}$

1. O - pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus; _____
 2. O - pen our ears, Lord, _____ and help us to lis - ten; _____

Bm $\frac{Bm}{A}$ $\frac{F\sharp m^7}{A}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ GM⁷ | $\frac{1}{Em}$ A⁷sus A⁷ A⁶ A⁹ $\frac{G}{D}$

_____ To reach out and touch Him, _____ and say that we love
 _____ / O - pen our eyes,

D | $\frac{2}{Em}$ Em⁷ A⁷ A $\frac{D^6}{A}$ A⁷ $\frac{G^6}{D}$ D rit.

Him. _____ Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus. _____

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We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light

HAL H. HOPSON
Based on Psalm 27:1-4

CONGREGATIONAL PART

Zulu Traditional Song
Arranged by HAL H. HOPSON

REFRAIN

(S. A. T. B. or unison voices)
S. A.

We are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light, — we are
Zulu: See yah hahm — buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs, — See yah

I. B.

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. — We are sing - ing, for the
hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs. — See yah hahm — buh koo kah

Lord is our light, — we are sing - ing for the Lord is our light. —
nigh nee kwen kohs, — See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs. —

REFRAIN (Choir only)

CHOIR

1. We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
The Lord is the strength of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may be near to destroy;
the Lord may be our light.

REFRAIN (Congregation joins)

CHOIR

2. We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
One thing have we asked of the Lord,
yes, this is the thing we seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord,
to live with God forever.

REFRAIN (Congregation joins)

CHOIR

3. We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
When burdens are heavy to bear,
our shelter is God alone.
Our feet are lifted high,
yes, high upon a rock.

REFRAIN (Congregation joins)

CHOIR

4. We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
We walk in the strength of the Lord,
God's love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear,
we sing a joyful song.

REFRAIN (Congregation joins)

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