

# Sunday Service for January 26, 2020

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “The Light of the World Is Jesus” -arr. R. Miles

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF OUR HANDS- For All Health and Human Services Ministers

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: Come all who have known gloom and anguish.

Come all who have walked in the terrors of the night.

**All: Sometimes we have felt forsaken, our losses seem greater than we can bear.**

One: God is our light and our salvation; we need not fear.

**All: Enemies lose their power when we look to God,  
we gather today seeking God’s face.**

One: There is a beauty in God, there is shelter in God.

**All: We will sing to God and dare to lift up shouts of joy!**

• GATHERING HYMN #295 “In This Very Room”

• GATHERING PRAYER (*In unison*)

**Shine on us today, gracious God, for we need the light and salvation you offer.**

**Come to each one gathered here, and to all who are a part of this community of faith. Shine into our city, our nation, our world in ways which still our quarrels and dissolve the alienation which separates us. Come with good news of health and wholeness. Fill us with the kind of honest relationships which form a deep community of love and support.**

• 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.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

• PRAISE RESPONSE #30 “Masithi (Sing Amen)”

*(Sing 3x's with growing enthusiasm)*

**Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

**Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

**Amen, Bawo, amen, Bawo,**

**amen, we praise your name, O God.**

#### SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 27:1, 4-9** *(page 503)*

Isaiah 9:1-4 *(page 638)*

Second Reading: **Matthew 4:12-23** *(page 3)*

I Corinthians 1:10-18 *(page 166)*

#### SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM “Walk in Light” -B.&E. Burroughs

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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus” -arr. R. Howell

• 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.**

- PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*In unison*)

**God of our salvation let these gifts follow Christ's lead into the lives of people who live in poverty or despair. O God, use them to heal divisions among your children. Show us how to be instruments of peace. Ready us to follow Jesus, to make an offering of ourselves. Heal us so we can become instruments of healing, O God, to these purposes we dedicate this offering and our lives. Amen.**

- SENDING HYMN "Shine, Jesus Shine" (*See insert*)
- COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION
- CHORAL BENEDICTION "Walk With the Lord" -D.Besig
- MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE "Marchin E-Flat" -G. Medlock

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship. Emanuel now offers online giving with the **GIVE+** program.*

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*(CHORAL ANTHEM)*

WALK IN LIGHT

When you choose to walk in light, when you choose to walk in light,  
Your eyes will see the pain, your hands will touch with care,  
Your soul will feel the hurt in the word Christ came to love,  
In the world he came to love.

When you choose to walk in light, when you choose to walk in light,  
Your voice will speak the truth, your ears will hear man's cry,  
Your life will share man's grace in the world Christ came to love,  
In the world he came to love.

When you choose to walk in light, when you choose to walk in light,  
Your heart will know the tears, your feet will walk the peace,  
Your life will be his light in the world Christ came to love,  
In the world he came to love.

Walk while you have the light,  
Walk while you have the light. Walk.

*(CHORAL BENEDICTION)*

Walk with the Lord. Go from this place,  
filled with His everlasting grace.  
Walk with the Lord. Go where He leads,  
Blessed by His love and His peace.  
Each day you live, in all you do,  
let the light of Christ be found in you.  
Walk with the Lord. Trust and obey.  
Go now and serve Him in faith, serve in faith.

Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen.