

Hymn: UMH #593 Here I Am, Lord

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Liturgist

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42

Message:

Lord's Prayer:

Offering:

Offering Prayer:

Ever-Present and Calling God, knowing us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and us—to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Christ, your Servant and our Savior, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: UMH #347 Spirit Song

Blessing

Sending Forth into the Mission Field

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Our mission as a Church is to nurture and encourage those seeking Christ within our community and beyond.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Receiving the Light of Christ
Welcoming: Opening Prayer:
Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries,
Concerns, Joys

Call to Worship

L: Children of God, who has God called you to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

All: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.

Hymn: TFWS # 2204 Light of the World

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

And so, we live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that image as we make our confession before God and each other, first in silent prayer. Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We know we do not always live as we ought: We turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim your light within us, with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that you love us, that you do not

abandon us, and that again and again you call us back to you, back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 40:1-11

Liturgist

L: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

P: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

L: He 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.

P: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

L: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

P: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

L: Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

P: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

L: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

P: 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.

All: Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Liturgist