



## **Call to Worship**

### **Prelude**

### **Liturgical Response**

**Leader:** For God alone my soul waits in silence;

**Response:** from Him comes my salvation! Psalm 62:1

### **Lighting the Christ Candle “One Light”**

*One light shining for me  
Lighting the darkness  
Helping me see.*

*One light leading the way  
Out of the shadows  
into the day.*

*One light breaking the dawn,  
Born of a promise  
Leading us on.*

*One light faithful and true,  
Shining in glory, coming anew.*

*All we need is one light  
All we need is one light  
All we need is one light, just one light.*

*One light leading the way out of the shadows into the day  
All we need is one light  
All we need is one light  
All we need is one light, just one light.*

### **Presenting the Word**

**Leader:** In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. John 1:1

**Response:** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth! John 1:14

### **✠ Song #56 (LYH) “We Are Singing”**

*Refrain:*

*We are singing for the Lord is our light,  
We are singing for the Lord is our light. (repeat)  
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 will be our light.*

*Refrain*

*When burdens are heavy to bear,  
Our shelter is God alone.  
Our feet are lifted high;  
Yes, high upon a rock.*

*Refrain*

*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.*

### **✠ Song #80 (LYH) “Lord, You’re Beautiful”**

**“Oh**

*O Lord, you’re beautiful,  
Your face is all I seek,  
For when your eyes are on this child,  
Your grace abounds in me.  
(repeat)*

**Lead Leader:** This is our hope,

**Response:** To know Christ and make Him known.

**Greeting:**

You are somebody,  
somebody on the Lord's side.

You are somebody,  
somebody on the Lord's side.

**Leader:** *May the peace of Christ be with you.*

**Response:** *And also with you.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

- *Welcome to visitors.*
- *Prayer Request*
- **Per Capita and Initial Offering for 2023:**
  - *Per Capita: \$32.00*
  - *Initial Offering: \$9.00*
- **Annual Congregational Meeting Notice:** *A meeting of the Christ's Community Church will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2023, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service to consider the Mission and Corporate budgets for the year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before this meeting.*

*By Order of the Session,  
Holton Falk, Clerk of*

*Session*

**Confession:**

**Leader:** *God is Good!*

**Response:** *All the time!*

**Leader:** *All the time!*

**Response:** *God is good to me!*

✠ **Song #483 (BH)**  
**Who Reigns Above"**

**" Sing Praise to God,**

*Sing praise to God, who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love,  
The God of our salvation;*

*With healing balm my soul is filled,  
And every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty power hath made,  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of God's might,  
Lo! All is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord is never far away,  
But through all grief distressing,  
An ever present help and stay,  
Our peace, and joy, and blessing;  
As with a mother's tender hand,  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!*

**Confession of Sin**

**Invitation to Silent Confession:** *God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us. Let us go before the Lord and silently confess our sin!*

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon: Leader:** *Believe the good news; we are God's healed and forgiven people!*

✠ **Response to Pardon**  
**"Doxology"**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all people here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

**Prayers of the People****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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever!  
Amen!*

**Consecration of Gifts:  
The Bread and the Cup  
Offering**

**Worship Asst:** *For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!*

*Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him!*

*Even more than this: Let us “present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!*

**✠ Song #118 (LYH)  
“We Are an Offering”**

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord use our lives, they are yours,  
We are an offering.*

*All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be  
We give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Story Time**

**“Sighting the Star”  
Matthew 2:1-15**

**✠ Song #97 (LYH)**

**“What Does**

**the Lord Require?”**

*What does the Lord require of you,  
What does the Lord require of you,  
To seek justice and love kindness,  
And walk humbly with your God.*

**Repeat**

**Scripture Lesson**                      **Micah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-2, 8**

**Micah 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> *Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.*

<sup>2</sup> *Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.*

<sup>3</sup> *“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!*

<sup>4</sup> *For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.*

<sup>5</sup> *O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”*

<sup>6</sup> *“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?*

<sup>7</sup> *Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”*

<sup>8</sup> *He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup> *For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

<sup>19</sup> *For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”*

<sup>20</sup> *Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?*

<sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

<sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

<sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

<sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

<sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,

<sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

<sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

### **Matthew 5:1-2, 8**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>8</sup> *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

**Leader: The Word of the Lord!**

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon Wisdom of God"**

#### **✠ Song "In Christ Alone"**

*In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm*

*What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand  
In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

### **The Lord's Supper**

#### **Liturgical Response**

**Leader:** *Thanks be to God Who gives us the victory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

**Response:** *O give thanks to the Lord for He is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever!*

#### **✠ Benediction**

**"3. 1 Corinthians: the**

✠ **Song**  
**Little Light of Mine”**

“This

*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.*

*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

**Postlude**