



"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

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Welcome To Worship

January 31, 2021

9:30 a.m.

The Light Is Within Me!



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP
4th Sunday after Epiphany

Preparing To Worship...



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The Light Is Within Me!

✧ **Welcome and Community News**

✧ **Reading Ourselves for Worship**

*Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**

How Are You As You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?

✧ **Gathered as God's People: A Music Video "Where Is The Light?"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8tNC0tpkYc&feature=youtu.be>

One: As Jesus walks along the shores of our lives, He calls our names and invites us to follow Him...calling us out...of our comfort zones; calling us into life!

All: He sees the struggle within each one. He gathers us in sanctuary moments to share wisdom and encourage us. He teaches us with authority for He practices what He preaches.

Pastor: Jesus cares enough about each of us to call us out on our "stuff" ...even as we fear being known, may destroy us. As if our authentic humanity is diminished in such a way that we may not be able to be or be worthy of being redeemed. But actually, it is exactly in being known, becoming self-aware and challenged to be fully present that we are made whole, cleansed, released from our confused thinking and practice...redeemed over and over again!

One: Listen! Hear His voice this morning!

All: Jesus calls out our pain and confusion to be healed. He fills us up and makes us new! Our light shines with a spirit of power and peace.

✧ Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

✧ Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God *(Based upon 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13)*

I could use some information Lord. What I could use is some inspiration.

You see, there are so many false idols calling out to me. They are hard to resist. These idols, these "isms" of our day try to convince me I am better off when I give in to them, than I am when I resist them.

I'm no dummy. But what do I really know about resisting temptation? Especially when there is so much pressure on me to give in! And, so much justification out there to do so! Where do I find my courage? Where are You when I need You most?

Holiness, you're gonna' need to shine very brightly within me. So that, instead of getting all puffed up with ego and self-righteousness and knowledge, I build up my life and this world upon Your Word of LOVE and so live peace in this new realm!

Instead of being fed up, may I be filled up with the power of Your love for all and Your grace to me. And when I am about to feed someone else a line, to tempt them as I have been tempted, Lord call me out!

The biggest stumbling block I have in my life...is me. With Your help, I'd like to surrender my pride and come to You in the full knowledge of my need to go beyond the mind I have. I do indeed need some inspiration. And the courage to go with it!

This is my prayer. Lord, I ask it!

✧ You may wish to name with God the "isms" which are possessing your attention; or you may share what "emptiness" in your soul most needs to be fed; or an awareness of being filled with luscious grace; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you shining healing light all around and through you.



✧ Our Assurance of God's Love With Us: I Give Myself Permission

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JinPrT-pi_s&list=RDPKDeCcGwU94&index=25

✧Bible Wisdom Teachings

The Gospel of Mary 4:1b-10, 5

The Blessed One (the Risen Christ) greeted them all, saying: "Peace be with you!

Bear my peace within yourselves. Beware that no one lead you astray saying, "Look over here!

Or "Look over there!" For the Child of Humanity is within you! Follow it! Those who seek it will find it.

Go then and proclaim good news of the realm. Do not lay down any rules beyond what I determined for you, nor give a law like the lawgiver, lest you be confined by it. When He had said this, he departed.

But they were pained. They wept greatly, saying, "How shall we go to the nations and proclaim the good news of the Child of Humanity? If they did not spare him, how will they spare us?"

Then Mary stood up. She greeted them all, and said to her brothers and sisters,

"Do not weep and be pained, nor doubt, for all His grace will be with you and shelter you.

But rather let us praise His greatness, for He has prepared us and made us Humans."

When Mary said this, she turned their heart to the Good, and they began to discuss the words of the Savior.

Mark 1:21-28

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

✧Prompting

The Light Is Within Me

"Knowing Ourselves...Showing Our True Selves"

Rev. Karen S. Hagen

✧Special Music Video: Remind Me Who I Am

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKyY8zfjBMQ>

REMIND ME WHO I AM: YOU BELONG TO ME; YOU ARE BELOVED!

✧Sharing Our Wisdom...*Our Light!*

HU - form of light

MAN - manifest

HUMAN

Form of light

manifested in body

✧ **Affirming Our Faith with Intention...*Our Prayer*** (Poem by John O'Donohue, adapted)

May warmth of heart keep my presence aflame.
May anxiety never linger about me.
May my outer dignity mirror an inner dignity of soul.
And I take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek no attention.
May I be consoled in the secret symmetry of my soul.
May I experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart of wonder.
My light shines, even in the darkness.

✧ **Community Prayers: Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

✧ **Honoring the Sustaining Financial Gifts of Our Faithing Community**

✧ **Special Slideshow of Theme**

✧ **Benediction...*Becoming a Living Blessing***

What of this shared wisdom goes with you as helpful and life-giving?



✧ **Our Response ...*Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your word lives on in us.***

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