



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

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# Welcome To Worship

February 7, 2021

9:30 a.m.

*The Light Is Within Me!*



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

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**  
*5th 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: Have you not known? (*Gesturing outward on "you", to the head on "known" and back out.*)

All: Have we not known? (*Gesturing a circle on "we", to the head on "known" and back around.*)

All: Our God is an everlasting God!

One: Have you not heard? (*Gesturing outward on "you", to the ear on "heard" and back out.*)

All: Have we not heard? (*Gesturing a circle on "we", to the ear on "heard" and back around.*)

All: God gives power to the faint.

One: Have you not been told? (*Gesturing outward on "you", to the mouth on "told" and back out.*)

All: Have we not been told? (*Gesturing a circle on "we", to the mouth on "told" and back around.*)

All: God renews our strength and raises us up as on eagle's wings! (*Gesture, lifting up your arms.*)  
God had made us to shine with a spirit of power and grace.

## ✧ Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

### ✧ Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God *(Based upon 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23)*

You know, God, unlike Paul, I don't feel very comfortable going out and confronting people even if it's with good news...let alone the gospel's news. I am very often uncomfortable sharing the gospel with others...even with those in my inner circle.

Well, actually, when Paul confronted...when he shared...he only used words when necessary! He was with the people in their churches and lives and shared the gospel by living it with them.

Now this approach makes more sense and values the people as well as the message. Paul got to know each one well enough to know their needs and then did something to support them rather than convince them. Paul brought to each person the part of the faith story each person most needed to hear. Is this what You would have me do? Come alongside people to live the gospel with them?

Lord, if Paul were to come here and be with me,  
what would he realize I need?  
What is the good news he would share with me?  
I can use some good news, Lord.

Lord God, give me the courage to go to the Wisdom Stories for the help I need...or to my pastor...or a spiritual friend...or my community and find the "peace" of the good news I most need to hear.

Lord, help me stop being so resistive to Your grace in my life and so defensive around others who have already begun to receive it. Help me to shine, Lord! Holy One, You hear my prayer.

✧ *You may wish to name with God a way in which you are defensive and the underlying hurt around that, or you may express your feelings around sharing the "good news" with someone as you come up alongside them in their life, or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you shining his 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](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.

### 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

### Mark 1: 29-39

## ✧Prompting

*The Light Is Within Me*

*"Need A Lift...about now?"*

*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

## ✧ Holy Communion

**\*Preparation of the Table...** please bring your version of "Bread and Wine" to this time.

### **\*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Pastor: In this crossover moment, a time of opening...letting some grace into our lives, let us embrace a new perspective, filling with new insights...a light bulb within shining. In this "thin place" where God's reality and our realities meet and kiss, we begin to see ourselves and our God in a new light. We step back from the way it has been and begin to see the way it can be....as the Holy silently spills into time, our time....and God comes ever closer. So close as to kiss our souls. God comes to us. Through the windows of our very souls, we see God close. We are One in light.

**All: In this moment of "Aha!", promise is fulfilled and belonging confirmed, and our Savior saves us...breaking through, seeing us all the way through to new the new realm.**

Pastor: In this crossover moment, in this "thin" place, this moment of bread and wine, between prophecy and promise, heaven slips in and is here for us, offering us a clearer understanding of what it means to be alive! ...to be at table together. The table set is God's table. Our lives a living table, clearly open to all.

**All: We are the people gathered, gazing through the windows of our souls, opening to a grace so powerful, it brings new life! The light shines within each of us!**

Pastor: Come. Share in the feast of new and everlasting life!

## ✧ Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread

## ✧ 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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