

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

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Welcome To Worship

August 1, 2021 Rerun of January 17, 2021 9:30 a.m.

A Rerun from January 11, 2015 Sara Zallar Preaching

The Light Is Within Me!



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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Preparing To Worship...



The Light Is Within Me!

♦Welcome and Community News

♦Readying Ourselves for Worship

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground! Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!

♦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?" by Lea Morris https://youtu.be/r8tNCotpkYc https://youtu.be/r8tNCotpkYc

One: In the beginning, God swept over the face of the earth and created light and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. That light is now...within us!

All: And God created the sky and the land and separated them from the gathered waters.

One: From the sky, land, and the waters, God draws forth the "goodness" of creation.

All: From the waters of the Jordan River, God <u>brings forth</u> his Beloved Child.

One: From the wellspring of each our beings, God <u>calls us forth</u>...

All: And gives us a spirit life of light...a spirit of power and peace.

♦Opening Ourselves to God's Grace ♦Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

Lord God, many voices call out to me...

To whom should I listen?
To what should I pay attention?
Which voices have it right?

How do I hear Your voice amidst all this noise?

Help me, God, to feel good enough about myself to listen with my heart and not just me head. Slow me down so I can turn away from all the noise and toward Your voice. I do know how to recognize it.

It is the voice which forgives me when I do wrong and asks me to treat myself with respect. It calls me to serve others in kindness. Invites me to use my own voice to challenge injustice in my family, community, county, our world. If this is what calls to me, I know it's Your voice.

Lord, help me feel I am also... *I am still...* Your beloved, despite myself. Speak. I am listening. I want to renew myself. I want a renewed identity as in my baptism. Declare me Yours... declare You are delighted in me!

Help me remember: The light is within me! Help me give myself permission to be all I can be. This is my prayer.

♦ You may wish to name with God all the voices calling you to do what you deeply do not want to do and ask for courage to resist; or you may share a time you knew it was God calling you because of the new choices you were able to make that brought peace and freedom...and ask God to speak that clearly again; 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 by Karen Drucke

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.

Genesis 1:1-5 Mark 1:4-11

♦Prompting

The Light Is Within Me

"In You | Am Delighted"

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♦ Special MLK Music Video: Let Justice Roll Down by Lea Morris https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgyPJ41yDZY

♦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.

♦ Special Video to Honor Martin Luther King Day

Special MLK March on Washington video from SALT https://vimeo.com/383154903

♦ 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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