

March 13, 2022 Worship Service
"I Am the Light of the World"

Opening Words

We worship.

We worship because we can.

We worship because we hope.

We worship because we know our vulnerability.

When things shift and we need to hold on, we worship.

It is our source of strength for the journey.

Welcome to this second Sunday of Lent.

Call to Worship

As darkness gives way to light

and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

Like the green shoots of renewed life,

stirring beneath the soil,

We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

In this time of reflection and repentance,

We affirm our identity, we claim our security,

as children of God,

called to live in the light of Christ,

who brought light into the world,

and is Himself the Light of the World.

Song: Here I Am To Worship

God's Greeting

We greet one another

Song: You Are My All in All (Kuipers choice)

How Great is Our God

Litany of Repentance and Confession

God, all-loving and all-caring,

We come before you with hesitant steps and uncertain motives

Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.

We want to sweep out the corners where sin has accumulated

And uncover the places where we have strayed from your truth

Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.

We ask for courage to open our eyes and unstop our ears

That we may be aware of all that distracts us

from a whole-hearted commitment to Christ

Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.

We want to see ourselves as you do and live our lives as you intended

Expose in us the empty and barren places

where we have not allowed you to enter

Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.

Reveal to us our half-hearted struggles,

Where we have been indifferent to the pain and suffering of others

Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a right Spirit within us

Nurture the faint stirrings of new life

where your spirit has taken root and begun to grow

Our hearts are parched from wandering in a desert of sin.

We long for your healing light to transform us into the image of your Son,

For you alone can bring new life and make us whole

In your mercy, shine upon us, O God, and make our path clear before us.

Song: Create In Me a Clean Heart

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer: This is Love

This is love.

Not that you spoke words of comfort,

walked with the unclean and unloved,

shared wisdom, bread and wine,

brought healing into lives

and challenged the status quo.

This is love.

That you spoke the word of God,

walked a painful road to the Cross,

shared living water, bread of life,

brought Salvation to the world

and died for the sake of all.

This is love.

It is a seed sown in the ground,

which germinates, blossoms,

and spreads its sweet perfume.

The Easter light of life, hope and joy

will live in us each day

and we will be bearers of that light

into the lives of others.

Amen.

Song: Ancient of Days

Baptism

Song: God Claims You

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture John 7:53-8:19

Sermon **I Am the Light of the World**

Song: Be Thou My Vision

Congregational Prayer

Offerings 1. Woody Nook Ministries

2. GEMS - Head Office

Offertory: Count Your Blessings (birthday song for Tetsy Mulder)

God's Parting Blessing

Song: Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)