

ORDER OF WORSHIP - MAY 5, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Bishop Al Gwinn

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

PRELUDE

Lead, Kindly Light
arr. Clay Christiansen

Dr. James Humlong

INTROIT

The Lord Is My Light
Jacques Berthier

Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Joan Wooden

Come and see! God's light is shining brightly.
God's light shines in us.
When we honor God's commandments,
God's light shines in us.
When we feed the hungry and give to those in need,
God's light shines in us.
When we show mercy and compassion,
God's light shines in us.
We are the light of the world!
God's light shines in us.
Let us worship God!

***HYMN 103**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***A MODERN AFFIRMATION**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love as set forth in the example
of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Philpot

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Joan Wooden

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Light,
we confess that we have gone astray and have left your light.
We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune.
We follow the dim lights that call us
to be more religious by following rules.
We follow the fading light of personal salvation.
Forgive us for not seeking the true Light
of your love for all the world.
Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus,
who commanded us to love one another.
Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice,
in which the Mystery of your Love is revealed.
In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.
If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. -from 1 John 1: 5-7, NRSV
Glory to God. Amen.**

HYMN 467

stanza 1

Trust and Obey

**The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Bishop Al Gwinn

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Let Your Light Shine!

Craig Courtney

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Kathy Rodgers

Matthew 5: 13-15

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Dennis Burrows

"You Are"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop Al Gwinn

*HYMN 422

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Dr. James Humlong

The Lord Is My Light

Mary McDonald

This morning's liturgy:

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