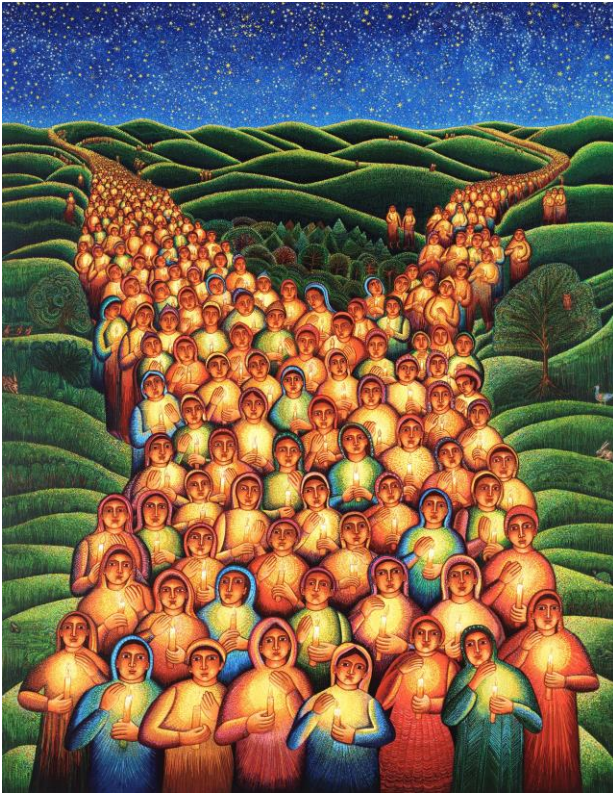


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# THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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November 8, 2020 | 10:15 AM



Festival of Lights

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CONNECTING **FAITH,**  
**FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY**

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# The Worship of God

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*O God of Mercy, God of Light*

David Cherwien

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Michael Burkhardt

### GREETING

Beloved of God: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear.

**Though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.**

For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

**Wait for the LORD;**

**be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!**

### HYMN 821

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*My Life Flows On*

My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

*Refrain:*

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? (*Refrain*)

What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. (*Refrain*)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? (*Refrain*)

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of all glory,  
on this first day you began creation,  
bringing light out of darkness.  
On this first day you began your new creation,  
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.  
On this Lord's day, grant that we,  
the people you create by water and the Spirit,  
may be joined with all your works  
in praising you for your great glory.  
Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit,  
we praise you now and forever. Amen.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Simple Gifts*

Polly Eubank  
Traditional Shaker hymn

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:1–13

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Wallace W. Bubar

*Children of the Light*

### HYMN 350

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (verses 1, 3, and 4)*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning;  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning;  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
for the time is drawing nigh.

*Refrain:*

Sisters, don't grow weary; brothers, don't grow weary;  
children, don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

We are climbing Jacob's ladder;  
we are climbing Jacob's ladder;  
we are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
for the time is drawing nigh. *(Refrain)*

Every round goes higher, higher;  
every round goes higher, higher;  
every round goes higher, higher,  
for the time is drawing nigh. *(Refrain)*

# RESPONSE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God:  
Your mercy is great.

### LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

# SENDING

### HYMN 744

FESTAL SONG

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Lead, Kindly Light*

Jon Spong

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# About Today's Service

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## Assisting in worship today:

*Organist:* Lois Harms

*Music Director:* Rich Dewein

*Soloist:* Polly Eubank

*Audio:* Ben Patzlaff

*Video/Graphics:* Matt Van Winkle and Kim Coulter

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## Upcoming Events

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### **Congregational Meeting**

*Sunday, November 8, 1:00 PM*

Zoom Meeting ID#: 822 9055 1715

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82290551715>

Dial in #: 1-312-626-6799

The agenda for the meeting is as follows: Hear the report of the Business & Finance Committee on the preliminary 2021 budget.

### **Adult Education**

*Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM*

Facilitated by Annika Lister Stroope

Zoom Meeting ID#: 857-0910-3669

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85709103669>

Nov. 15: **Elona Street-Stewart**, General Assembly Co-Moderator

Nov. 22: **Sarah Trone Garriott**, DMARC Interfaith Coordinator

Nov. 29: Virtual Advent and Christmas Resources

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# Church Staff

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**The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar**

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*Youth Ministry Director*

**Rich Dewein**

*Music Director*

**Lois Harms**

*Organist*

**Mary Pohlmann**

*Children's Music Director*

**Sue Hudson**

*Morgen Bells Director*

**Beth Triebel**

*Youth Bell Choir Director*

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## Mission Statement

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We strive to be a Christian congregation  
dedicated to a strong tradition of worship,  
committed to spiritual inquiry and growth,  
caring for one another,  
and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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