

*Welcome! When Jesus began his ministry, people were amazed at his message and his power. People are still amazed when they get to meet Jesus through faith today. May God bless each of us as we worship today.*

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Ubi Caritas” . . . . . Charles Callahan  
. . . . . Mr. Dan Chien, Organist

Introit: “Come into His Presence”

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19:1-4) Rev. Richard Dykstra, Minister

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

The glory of God echoes throughout the world.  
Let us praise the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty Lord God, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light  
of the world:

We praise and magnify your holy name that in him you have re-  
vealed the wonder of your saving love to all people.

With those of old who brought their tribute to his feet, confessing  
him as King of heaven and earth, we now present the worship of  
our grateful hearts, asking you to give us grace to give ourselves  
to you,  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: “God’s Holy Ways Are Just and True”

Our Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**O God, so often we have tried to live our lives in our own  
strength and by our worldly wisdom only to find ourselves**

**broken and exhausted. Too often, God, we have even allowed our  
faith to drift from You to the things of this world for our security.  
Forgive us, Lord. Lead us to grow in Your wisdom and to lean on  
Your strength daily. In Christ we pray. ... (silent prayer). Amen.**

The Response: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Words of Assurance & Summary of the Law —from John 1:9, 12, NIV

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name,  
he gave the right to become children of God.

Prayer for Illumination on the Reading of Scripture

Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word,  
fill us with your Spirit.

Soften our hearts that we may see your ways.

Fill us with your light.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

Scripture: Mark 1:21-28

Sermon: “Astonished and Amazed”

Offertory: “Lord of the Dance” . . . . . arr. Don Hart

Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

Sharing of Concerns & Joys

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: “When We Are Living”

Charge & Benediction

God of light, you call us beyond our imagining to tasks beyond our  
powers.

Empower our service and enlighten our worship, that we may know  
and proclaim the light of the world. **Amen.**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postlude: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”. . . . . arr. Lloyd Larson