

MORNING WORSHIP

April 19, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Third Sunday of Easter

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

The Strife is O'er

arr. Wilbur Held

CHORAL INTROIT

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

FESTAL SONG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Genesis 1, Isaiah 9, 60, Psalm 27, 119, John 8

Leader: In the beginning, when the earth was formless and void,
God spoke into the darkness: "Let there be light"—and light broke forth.

People: Jesus, You are the Light of the World!

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation—whom shall we fear? Even in the shadows, we are not alone.

People: Jesus, You are the Light of the World!

Leader: A people who walked in deep darkness have seen a great light; upon them Your dawn has risen.

People: Jesus, You are the Light of the World!

Leader: Your word is a lamp to our feet, a steady light along our path when the way is unclear.

People: Jesus, You are the Light of the World!

Leader: Arise, shine—for your light has come. The glory of the Lord rises upon us, calling us into hope.

People: Jesus, You are the Light of the World!

Leader: Come—let us worship the One who illumines all things.

People: Jesus, You are the Light of the World!

+*HYMN 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious God, in Your mercy, You come as revealing and unrelenting light.

People: Yet we still turn away.

Leader: You declare Yourself the light of the world.

People: Yet often we prefer shadows, the places we can remain hidden, unexamined, and unchanged.

Leader: We name sin with our lips,

People: but resist the deeper truth You would uncover within us.

Leader: We cling to certainty and call it righteousness, even when it keeps us from seeing You right before us.

People: We question, doubt, and argue over what is clear. Protecting our egos, we deny our fragile and tender hearts. In doing so we fail to recognize Your grace in our midst.

Leader: Open our eyes, O Christ, to behold your light and see ourselves truthfully in it.

All: Where we have been blind to the suffering of others, restore our sight.

Call us into Your light, not to expose us for shame, but to heal us for wholeness. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-17

God so loved the world that God gave His only Son, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who come into the light discover not judgment, but grace upon grace.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

*SUNG RESPONSE 582

“Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

GLORY TO GOD

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR LEIGHTON SMITH HORTON

Lindsay Haynie, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Leighton Smith Horton is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Leighton to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Brantley and Madison as they nurture Leighton and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Leighton into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.

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*HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go...

All through the night...

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 8 and 9, pew Bible pg. 975

SERMON

“I Am the Light of the World”

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“True Light”

Keith Hampton

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Radiant God, from lands that have known deep darkness, You kindle a great light; a light no shadow can overcome, a light that calls us by name. Take these gifts, and our lives; let them be gathered into Your rising dawn. As Your light increases, may it illuminate what is hidden and guide our steps toward Your justice and joy. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 127	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	WE’LL WALK IN THE LIGHT
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	“All Hail to God’s Anointed”	ROCKPORT
*POSTLUDE	<i>A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing</i>	arr. Paul Manz

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God’s creativity in human diversity. We’d like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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