

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what is wrong in Your sight. Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ's light pierces through all darkness and his grace flavors the world.
Through Christ we are washed clean and made new for service to God in the world. Amen.

Response*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Passing the Peace*

Children's Choir Anthem God Walks with Me
Benjamin Cornelis

Children's Message

During the singing of the following response, children may join their teachers for Sunday School. Families can pick up their children after the service in their classrooms on the 2nd floor.

Response God of Great and God of Small Hymn 19

Special Music Halle, Halle, Hallelujah arr. John Behnke

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a OT p. 688

Anthem I Can See the River Jordan Jay Althouse

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory My Lord, What a Morning
arr. John Behnke

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Hymn 314* Longing for Light, We Wait for Darkness

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13-20 NT p. 4

Sermon The Life We Lead
Rev. Andrew Esqueda

Hymn 450* Be Thou My Vision

Blessing*

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Assisting in worship today:

Julie Claeys, Children's Choir Accompanist
Daniel Doyle, Conducting Scholar
The Miner Street Bell Connections
The Celebration Singers
The JuBellation Ringers
The Chancel Choir

All are welcome in worship. We are a community of people of all ages who cry, vocalize, stomp, fuss, stand, sit, and come and go as needed.

The sounds of people are the joyful noise of God's creation.

Audio amplifiers are in a basket at the back of the sanctuary. There are also screens in Fellowship Hall that stream the service if you need to step out.

The nursery is available for children ages 0-3 years. Please ask a greeter if you would like additional information about Sunday School or children's programming.

Stewardship - We are in our final stretches of meeting our budget for 2026. We give thanks for your generosity, and a huge thank you to all that have already pledged. If you have not pledged yet, or maybe you've never pledged before, your generosity will greatly benefit the ministries of our church as we seek to follow Christ in the world. Stewardship is one of our practices of faith, and we invite you to join us in this practice this year and in the years to come.

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