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(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Song VU #365 – “*Jesus Loves Me*”

Call to Worship (from Psalm 27)

One: We gather to praise the Lord, who is our Light:
Who shines the bright beam of love upon us all.

All: Come let us worship the God who lights our life.

One: We gather to praise the Lord, who is our Refuge:
Who is for us a safe haven in the storms of life.

All: Come let us worship the God who is our Security.

One: We gather to praise the Lord, who is our Strength
Who helps us to live in peace with our uncertainties.

All: Come let us worship the God who is our Foundation. AMEN

* Hymn MV #82 – “*Bathe Me in Your Light*”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

God of radiant light, shine into our lives, and disperse the darkness that dims our vision; shine into our world, and cast out the fears that long have chained us; shine into our worship, that we may be a people of your hope and promise.

God of light, we live in the darkness of despair: worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from you. Our burdens lie heavy upon us: our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels. We long to turn from the dark and live in the light. We yearn to leave what is evil and follow the paths of righteousness. Shine the light of your love upon us and transform us with your love. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer

* Hymn VU #567 – “*Will You Come and Follow Me*”

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Psalm 27: 1, 4-9
Matthew 4: 12, 17-22

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “*Why faith matters*” (a dialogue with Patrick)
(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “*I’ll Sing Praise*”

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response
**You shall be the path that guides us,
You the light that in us burns;
Shining deep within all people,
Yours the love that we must learn,
Gentle Father, loving Mother,
Jesus: brother, saviour, friend;
Spirit of all grace and power,
May we praise you without end.**

Prayers of the People

* Hymn MV #176 – “*Three Things I Promise*”

* Benediction / Response (MV #211)
**I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.**
(repeat)

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director
Myrna Hagues, Organist Gina Grant, Custodian
Alana Davis, Liturgist
Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Thelma Mallard and Diena Rodd
Greeters: Margo Baldwin and Evelyn Day