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Communion

(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 #82 – "A Light is Gleaming"

Call to Worship

One: The light of the world is here.

All: Christ is among us now.

One: The light of life is ours.

All: Christ's life brings grace and truth.

One: The light of God shines anew.

All: Christ's light brings love to a weary world.

Prayer of Approach
Light of the world,
shine upon us this day.
Enlighten us with your wisdom,
and free us with your grace.
Embolden us with your confidence,
to proclaim for all to hear
that your light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not, will not,
and cannot overcome it.
In the light of your truth, we pray. AMEN

Children's Time

Hymn VU #81 – "As With Gladness Men of Old"

## The Word

Scripture Readings – Ephesians 1: 11-14, John 1: 14-17 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

## **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Meditation – "A light bulb moment – I'm a Christian" (a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – "Come Follow That Star"

**Announcements** 

## The Response

\* Offering / Response (VU #93)

When heaven's bright with mystery and stars still lead an unknown way, When love still lights a gentle path, Where courts of power can hold no sway, There with the Magi, let us kneel, Our gifts to share, God's world to heal.

Celebration of Communion

One: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye made blind by sin

Thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Post Communion Prayer

Giver of light, we thank you for making our way clearer. As we have had our spirits fed at this table, strengthen our minds to live faithfully and purposefully always. In Christ we pray. AMEN

- Hymn VU #92 "In the Darkness Shines the Splendour"
- \* Benediction / Response (MV #211)

Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ, So you may be nourished by the World of Life. (repeat)

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