

*Welcome to worship! Activity bags for children are available on the book shelf in the lobby if your little one would like to pack a bag of items to play with during worship. Children are always welcome in sanctuary, but a staffed nursery is also available at the end of the hall for any babies, toddlers, and preschoolers who prefer more space to wiggle and play. Large print bulletins are available near the entrance for those who need them.*

\* indicates you are invited to stand

**Bold text** indicates a unison prayer or response

## PRELUDE

## GREETING

## CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

**People: Why should we be afraid?**

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

**People: What have we to fear?**

Leader: Let us shout with joy to God!

**People: Let us sing and make music before our God.**

## \*OPENING SONG

"Open My Eyes"

Hymnal # 454

## OPENING PRAYER

**O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. Amen.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 27

Matthew 4:12-23

## MESSAGE

"Be Strong and Wait"

by Sally Casper

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## PRAYER HYMN

"Through It All"

Hymnal # 507

## OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

## \*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal # 94

## CLOSING PRAYER

O God, we have seen your glory, felt the touch of your love, and felt your presence with us. With joyful hearts, we offer you our gifts. Having heard your call, we offer you our lives and our service. **Amen.**

\*HYMN

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

Hymnal # 672

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow.

Go and tell the news of God’s love.

Cast the nets of grace wide,

that all may see the glory of God.

Go forth and shine with God’s light!

May God—Source, Word, and Spirit—

bless you with the radiance of love.

POSTLUDE

THE **LORD**  
IS MY **LIGHT**  
AND MY **SALVATION**  
WHOM SHALL I FEAR?  
THE **LORD**  
IS THE **STRENGTH**  
OF MY **LIFE**  
OF WHOM SHALL  
I BE AFRAID?



PSALM 27:1

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