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*"Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World"*



**January 25, 2026  
8:30 a.m. Worship**

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# 8:30 Worship

## GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude                    "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

\*Call to Worship                    Psalm 27:1, 4-9, 11, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

The Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble,  
and set me high upon a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up,  
we will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Teach me Your way, O God, and lead me on a level path.

I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living

**Wait for the Lord; be strong,  
and let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord.**

\*Hymn                    "Gather Us In"                    FWS #2236

\*Opening Prayer

**God, our light and our salvation, Jesus announced the nearness of  
Your kingdom and called His disciples to be fishers of women and  
men. Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus, that our lives may  
bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our  
vocation serve to draw people to Your salvation; through Your Son,  
Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

*Welcome! Please take the next 60 seconds and find someone you did not come  
to church with and greet them in Jesus' name!*

## PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

OT Lesson                    Isaiah 9:1-4                    Jennifer Faasii-Smith

Epistle Lesson                    1 Corinthians 1:10-18                    Rev. Elias Ballew

SwanKids Worship

*All kids are welcome to follow our staff for SwanKids Worship during the sermon.*

Anthem                    "Sing Unto the Lord"

\*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

Rev. Laura Thompson

## RESPONSE

\*Hymn of Response                    "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"                    FWS 2129

\*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose  
from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

\*Gloria Patri

UMH #71

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song                    "Be Still, My Soul!"

\*Doxology

UMH #94

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## SENDING

\*Hymn                    "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"                    UMH #206

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude                    "Go Forth for God"                    UMH #670

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the good, be  
urgent for the right; render to no one evil; Christ at length shall  
overcome all darkness with His light. Go forth for God, go to the world  
in strength.

*\* Please stand as you are able.*