



**A Light for the World
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In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

~Matthew 5:16

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, who has God called you to be?

All: A light to the world!

Leader: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

All: A light to the world!

Leader: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

All: A light to the world!

Leader: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

All: A light to the world!

Leader: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the world!

All: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.

*HYMN

Christ Is the World's Light

UMH #188

OPENING PRAYER

In this season of Epiphany, we are still the people waiting. We are still people in the dark, and the darkness looms large around us, beset as we are by fear, anxiety, brutality, violence, loss — a dozen alienations that we cannot manage.

We are — we could be — people of your light.

So we pray for the light of your glorious presence as we wait for your appearing; we pray for the light of your wondrous grace as we exhaust our coping capacity; we pray for your gift of newness that will override our weariness; we pray that we may see and know and hear and trust in your good rule. That we may have energy, courage, and freedom to enact your rule through the demands of this day.

We submit our day to you and to your rule, with deep joy and high hope.

THE BASKET

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 49:1-7 Good News Translation

Listen to me, distant nations, you people who live far away!

Before I was born, the Lord chose me and appointed me to be his servant.

He made my words as sharp as a sword. With his own hand he protected me.

He made me like an arrow, sharp and ready for use.

He said to me, "Israel, you are my servant; because of you, people will praise me."

I said, "I have worked, but how hopeless it is! I have used up my strength, but have accomplished nothing." Yet I can trust the Lord to defend my cause; he will reward me for what I do.

Before I was born, the Lord appointed me; he made me his servant to bring back his people, to bring back the scattered people of Israel. The Lord gives me honor; he is the source of my strength.

The Lord said to me,

"I have a greater task for you, my servant. Not only will you restore to greatness the people of Israel who have survived, but I will also make you a light to the nations— so that all the world may be saved."

Israel's holy God and savior says to the one who is deeply despised, who is hated by the nations and is the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you released and will rise to show their respect; princes also will see it, and they will bow low to honor you."

This will happen because the Lord has chosen his servant; the holy God of Israel keeps his promises.

MESSAGE

A Light for the World

BAPTISM of Kevin Joseph Bain

Beloved in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God gives us new birth through water and the Spirit, includes us in Christ's holy church, and makes us part of the salvation of the world.

Loving God we come to the water as a community to baptize Kevin Joseph Bain and to bathe him in your love for him.

BAPTISMAL VOWS AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

As we behold the mystery of God's grace, I invite Jaclyn and Caleb, Kevin's parents, to profess your faith, and to confirm the baptismal covenant made in your name:

Do you confess your need for the saving, life-giving grace of God?

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Will you receive God's grace, give yourselves wholly to God, and live as disciples of Jesus, Christ's body on earth?

Will you by teaching and example guide Kevin to accept God's grace, to grow in faith, and to lead a Christian life.

And so I ask everyone present, do you reaffirm your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together wherever you are, and in all that you do?

Will you nurture one another in living the faith of the church and include Kevin in your care?

ALL: With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will embody faith, hope and love so that Kevin will learn to trust God and live Love's service in the world. We will pray for him on his journey of discipleship among us.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Loving, life-giving God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you brought forth Creation. You brought us to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea. You gave us new birth through baptism into Christ, and gave us life that cannot die.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this water and bless Kevin who receives it, that claimed by your Word, nourished in your grace, washed from all sin and borne by your Spirit, may he live in freedom, trust and courage, sharing in the eternal life of Christ.

BAPTISM

Kevin, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

TFWS #2051

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

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.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

O Day of Peace

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O day of peace that dimly shines
Through all our hopes
And prayers and dreams
Guide us to justice truth and love
Delivered from our selfish schemes
May swords of hate fall from our hands
Our hearts from envy find release
Till by God's grace our warring world
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb
Nor shall the fierce devour the small
As beasts and cattle calmly graze
A little child shall lead them all
Then enemies shall learn to love
All creatures find their true accord
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled
For all the earth shall know the Lord

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Ever-Present and Calling God, knowing us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and us—to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Christ, your Servant and our Savior, we pray. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Mothering God

TFWS #2050

BENEDICTION

As we leave this place, remember:
God, who chose you before your birth, who calls you and knows you by name,
now sends you out into the world—
to bring light to those in darkness,
comfort to those who grieve,
hope to those who despair.

And may the blessing of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
be among you and within you
as you seek to do God's will. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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THE RACK IS BACK!!!!

Now-March 1, 2026

A friend of mine has a rack of coats, and a bucket of hats, gloves, and scarves for anyone in need. The rack hangs in her front yard in Ringwood.

The sign outside reads

"Need a coat, take one- Want to help, leave one".

If you have any coats, gloves, hats, or scarves that you cannot use anymore, you can bring them to church and give them to me.

I will make sure they get to the rack!

Thank you in advance, Liz Tible

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Each Sunday 2 ushers are needed to assist Pastor Ninabeth with
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New ushers are able to serve alongside ushers with experience.

Flexible dates are available.

If interested in serving in this manner, please see or contact
Anita Dispenziere (201- 874- 6915) for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS January 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 19th – 25th

Monday January 19th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday January 20th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday January 21st

Bible Study @ 12pm in the pastor's office BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday January 22nd

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Sunday January 25th

Worship with Parish Drive @ 10am

UMC Wayne Ministers are All the members of UMC in Wayne

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