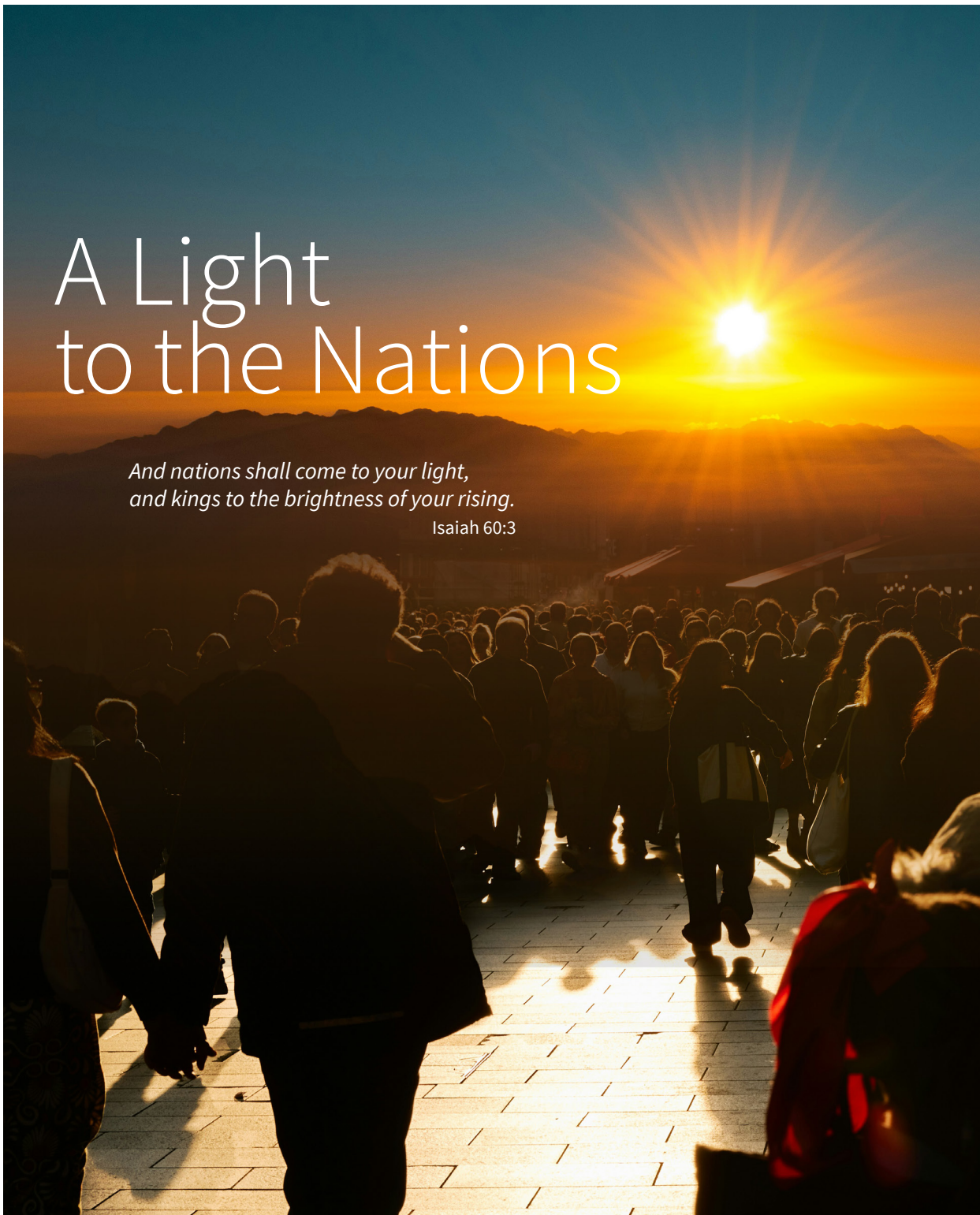


# A Light to the Nations

*And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

Isaiah 60:3



**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Pastor Michael Anderson

**Silent meditation**

Isaiah 60:3

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and kings to the brightness of your rising.

G O D C A L L S U S T O W O R S H I P

**Call to Worship**

I Timothy 1:15-17

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

\* *Immortal, Invisible*

words, Walter Smith  
music, traditional Welsh melody



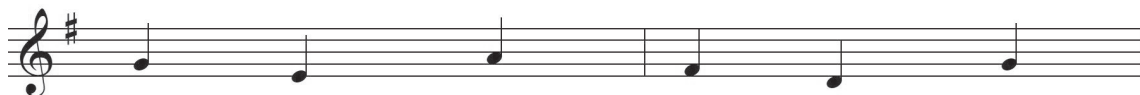
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor  
3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in  
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine



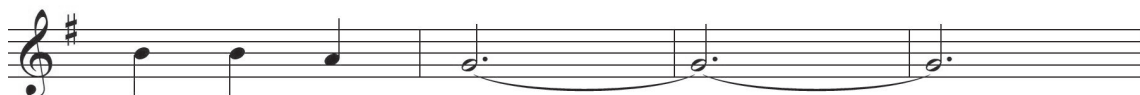
light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most  
want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy  
all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; we  
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all



bles - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al -  
jus - tice, like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove thy  
blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree, and  
praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'tis



might - y, vic - - - to - rious, thy  
clouds, which are foun - tains of  
with - er and per - ish, but  
on - - - ly the splen - dor of



great name we praise.  
good - ness and love.  
naught chang - eth thee.  
light hid - eth thee.

Chorus - sing 3 times



1st time - women & girls Thy great name we praise.

2nd time - men & boys

3rd time - everyone

**\* Marvelous Light**

Steve Hindalong

after repeat  
some voices  
add HARMONY

first time  
all sing MELODY

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You are the Light of the world.

Detailed description: This system shows the first two staves of the song. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains two whole rests. The bottom staff is also a treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody starting on G4, followed by a quarter rest, then an eighth note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note C5, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note G4, a quarter rest, an eighth note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note C5, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note A4, and an eighth note G4. The lyrics 'You are the Light of the world.' are written below the bottom staff, with lines indicating where the notes align with the words.

8

Je - sus is the Light

— You are the Way, the Truth

Detailed description: This system continues the melody. The top staff has a whole rest followed by an eighth note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note C5, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note G4, and a whole note G4. The lyrics 'Je - sus is the Light' are written below. The bottom staff has a quarter note G4, a quarter rest, a whole rest, a quarter rest, an eighth note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note C5, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note G4, a quarter rest, an eighth note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note C5, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note A4, and an eighth note G4. The lyrics '— You are the Way, the Truth' are written below.

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You are the Life.

— and the Life. You are the Light

Detailed description: This system continues the melody. The top staff has a whole rest, a quarter rest, an eighth note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note C5, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note G4, and a whole note G4. The lyrics 'You are the Life.' are written below. The bottom staff has a quarter note G4, a quarter rest, an eighth note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note C5, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note G4, a quarter rest, a whole rest, a quarter rest, an eighth note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note C5, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note A4, and an eighth note G4. The lyrics '— and the Life. You are the Light' are written below.

8

Je - sus is the Light.

— of the world. Lead us out of dark-

Detailed description: This system concludes the melody. The top staff has a whole rest, a quarter rest, an eighth note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note C5, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note G4, and a whole note G4. The lyrics 'Je - sus is the Light.' are written below. The bottom staff has a quarter note G4, a quarter rest, an eighth note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note C5, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note G4, a quarter rest, a whole rest, a quarter rest, an eighth note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note C5, an eighth note Bb4, a quarter note A4, and an eighth note G4. The lyrics '— of the world. Lead us out of dark-' are written below.

Lead us out of dark -

- ness and in - to Your mar - ve - lous light! 1st time repeat

- ness and in - to Your mar - ve - lous light!

and in - to Your mar - ve - lous light!

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\* Invocation

## GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

### **Call to confession**

Psalm 79:8-10a

Do not remember against us our former iniquities;  
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,  
for we are brought very low.  
Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name;  
deliver us, and atone for our sins,  
for your name's sake!  
Why should the nations say,  
“Where is their God?”

**Prayer of confession** followed by a time of silent confession

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Romans 10:11-13

...the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”  
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all,  
bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name  
of the Lord will be saved.”

*8:30 service      On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 5- year-olds are invited to the foyer  
to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.*

*11:15 service      Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds  
who need some quiet activities during the sermon.*

**\* Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus**      Trinity Hymnal 481

## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

### \* Scripture reading

Romans 8:9-25

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

<sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### \* Prayer



**Sermon**

A Certain Future

Emad

Missionary serving in the Middle East

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## DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

### \* Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick



Men > 1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing  
Men > 2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence  
Men > 3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness,



in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;  
from the sha - dows in - to Your ra - di - ance;  
so our fa - ces dis - play Your like - ness;



Women > Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,  
Women > by the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness,  
Women > ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.  
mir - rored here may our lives tell Your sto - ry.



Men > Shine on me, Women > shine on me.



All > Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry,

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire;

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy,

send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light. c 1987  
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**Invitation to the Lord's Table** *Trays will be passed through the rows. The bread served is gluten free, and the grape juice served is pasteurized. Hold the bread or cup until all are served and we'll partake together.*

### During the passing of the bread

*Amazing Grace*

violin & piano

arr. Rich Heffler

### During the passing of the cup

*O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us* congregation

Trinity Hymnal 341

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

spoken together

In sending Christ, the light of the world,  
you revealed your glory to the nations.  
You sent a star to guide seekers of wisdom to Bethlehem,  
that they might worship Christ.  
Your signs and witnesses in every age  
lead people from every place to worship him.  
We praise you that in him we become your children,  
baptized into your service. Amen.

## Living out our faith

announcements about the life of the church

## Prayers of the People

*During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.*

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## Offertory Psalm 116: I Love You, Lord, for You Have Delivered Me

by Jess Ray (Mission House)

*The congregation is invited to sing along or to simply listen.*

I love you, Lord  
For you have delivered me  
I love you, Lord  
For you have delivered  
My soul from death  
My feet from stumbling  
I will walk in the land of the living

I will bless you, Lord, for you heard my cry  
I reached out my hand and you saved my life  
I will bless you, Lord, for you heard my plea  
And the God of Heaven turned his ear to me  
  
I will bless you, Lord, for unending love  
For your grace and mercy raining down from above  
I will bless you, Lord, till the very end  
I will call on you as long as I may live

**\* Doxology**

Trinity Hymnal 731

**\* Benediction**

*Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.*

**\* Amen, God Will Send**

by Bruce Benedict, 2024

A - men, God will

send his Spi - rit in - to the

world to heal and mend it.

**\* Postlude**

*Prayer Partners are available to pray with you right now. Come to the area by the organ with anything on your heart: praise, fears, questions, thanksgiving. We'll sit down and pray together.*

**Worship musicians**

Kelsey Pray, song leader and guitar  
Ashley Grace Davies, song leader and violin  
Leah Quinn, song leader

Richard Mason, song leader and guitar  
Grant Mosher, guitar and bass  
Susan Guerra, piano