

GATHERING

**WELCOME AND CENTERING PRAYER**

**PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have gathered in God's holy presence,  
the One who etches grace on our hearts.

**This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.**

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,  
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

**This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.**

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;  
we remember God's persistence in saving us.

**This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

#2128

**MORNING PRAYER**

Holy and loving God, thank you for walking with us. Thank you for revealing yourself to us as we walk with you. We pray that you will open our eyes and our ears so that we may be mindful of what you are saying to us. Open our hearts to receive your word. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**SCRIPTURE FOR THIS DAY**

Psalm 119:97, 103-105

**REFLECTION**

**RESPONDING IN PRAYER**

Sing

Silence

Spoken Words

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

#2193

Lord, teach me to listen. Make me aware. Open my heart. Help me to pay attention to the ways you are revealed in the world around me – in my everyday life. Help me to study the Scriptures, finding in them the words of life, words to tell the world of you through what I say and do. Bless the gifts we have given, that they may be used as we continue to say Thank you, God. I pray in Jesus' name, as he taught...

**LORD'S PRAYER**

## SENDING FORTH

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| <b>CLOSING HYMN</b>             | <i>Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet</i> | #60  |
| <b>WE GO INTO THE WORLD</b>     |  |      |
| <b>BENEDICTION AND BLESSING</b> |  |      |
| <b>THE LIGHT LEADS US FORTH</b> | <i>Shalom to You</i>                   | #666 |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>                 |  |      |

**††We follow the Light of Christ into the world to serve††**

## COMING UP

- Wednesday, March 16** After school activities for K-gr 8 until 5pm.
- Thursday, March 17, noon** Brown bag Lenten Lunch @ Evangelical Lutheran Church.  
Worship will begin about 12:20, with everything concluded by 1pm. All in the community are invited and encouraged to gather together for this time each Thursday during Lent. No reservations needed. Free will offerings each week.
- Saturday, March 19, 7am** Methodist Men meet at Family Table. Invite a neighbor.

Next Sunday we will dedicate Blankets...many different kinds of blankets as we consider how to help our neighbors. You may continue to purchase Church World Service Blankets throughout the season.

We can also receive any financial offerings you would like to give for Relief work in the Winterset, IA, or to be sent to Ukraine/Poland. Just indicate where you would like your gifts to go, and they will be sent on for you. These mission projects are definitely long-term; restoration and relief will be ongoing for many, many, many months, through UMCOR.

Part of the joy of being a connectional church - we can meet our needs, which is important, and also help others we will never see. Consider how you might add a small amount for assistance, over the next few months as you make your on-going budget commitment.

Lenten worship is centering around 5 practices that can enrich our spiritual lives. Each week there will be a handout you can take home to use during the week, to help "practicing" be a little more structured. We can email you one as well, just ask.