
**Welcome to the Collaborative Worship Service of
Wesley United Methodist and First Presbyterian
Churches in Crookston, MN**

Sunday, January 22, 2023

GATHERING and PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We are so glad you are here! All are welcomed and celebrated here.
Please join us for coffee and treats in the dining hall after worship.

+Those who are able may stand

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

**People: To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's
glorious presence has appeared.**

Leader: God is indeed our light and salvation.

People: We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.

Leader: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

People: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

+HYMN Gather Us In **2236**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory. We have become so accustomed to the darkness, that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us. Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may be flooded with love and mercy and joy. Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort and peace and security, that we may find rest in your loving protective presence. Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-4
PSALM READING Psalm 27: 1, 4-9
SECOND READING I Corinthians 1: 10-18
+GOSPEL READING Matthew 4: 12-23

This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Welcome Rev. Char Rachuy-Cox

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION (*Singing Bowl*)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our light and our salvation, sometimes we prefer to live
in darkness, embracing the safety of the shadows; Forgive us.
Open the eyes of our hearts, O God, to the dawning light of your
words of love and salvation to us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Our God of love and light hears us. We have nothing to fear.
Know that this God of light wraps us in comforting arms and that
we dwell in the safety of God's love now and forevermore.

Thanks be to God – Amen!

+HYMN We All Are One in Mission **2243**
Sung to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation"

OFFERING: ***We take a moment to reflect on the gifts of God and in
gratitude we contemplate our part in giving back. There is an offering
plate(s) for your tithes and offerings at the back of the sanctuary when
you leave – Thank you for your gifts of love!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+HYMN Song of Hope 2186

+BENEDICTION

Go forth bathed in the light and love of God. Go forth to join with Jesus to proclaim the good news of this love and light. Go forth empowered by the Spirit to live the Way with courage, conviction, and joy.

+SENDING (Responsive)

Leader: Our worship in the sanctuary has ended.

People: Our service in the world begins!

POSTLUDE

Musician: *MaryJane Kurpius-Brock*

Lay-Reader: *Matt Gilmore*

Contact Pastor Ruth if you'd like a visit.

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Sun., January 29, 2023

10 am Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 6th Grade

10:45 am *Worship Service - Preaching: Pastor Ruth Sanders*

Welcome to
Wesley United Methodist Church



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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