

## SOLAR SUNDAY ~ WELCOME TO WORSHIP

energy is produced. You have given us minds that know how to harness the power of your sun. You have given us hearts that see where such power is needed. Now give us the will to share your life power with the world. Light of the world,

**All: Let your light so shine!**

L: For Phebe Hospital, for doctors and nurses who must often work with little light and electricity, for all the dark places in this world, in our lives, and in our hearts, may the Light of the World shine bright. In Jesus' name we pray,

**All: Amen.**

### OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### BENEDICTION

### SENDING SONG

"This Little Light of Mine"

ELW Hymn 677

### POSTLUDE

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O living God, soften us!

**All: Let the fire of your love thaw the frost within us.**

L: Let the light of your justice sear away our blindness.

**All: Let the grace of your compassion heal our hardened hearts.**

L: O living God, soften us, that, flowing with your grace, we be impelled to face the world in bold compassion,

**All: that, driven to justice, we may dare to cry aloud for the little ones....**

L: O living God, soften us! Sweep us forward in a Mighty Wave of Mercy

**All: to heal our darkened world.**

(from "A Mystical Heart," Edwina Gateley)

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful and just God,

**we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear,**

**bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy.**

**Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of † Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.

Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**GATHERING SONG**

"Here In This Place"

ELW Hymn 532

**GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 1

**PSALM**

Psalm 8

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 2:4-10

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:14-17

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ELW Hymn 671

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living 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. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Leader: Let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. God of Light and Life, Into this dark world you send your Son, Jesus, to bring light to injustice, to cast out the darkness of fear and despair, to shine light on those in need, to enlighten our minds and transform our hearts, and to so shine that all might know of your love for the world. For your extraordinary gift of light, we give you thanks. Light of the world,

**All: Let your light so shine!**

L: Light of Hope, There are places all around that literally dwell in darkness - where there are few to no resources for energy and light. May the creative movement of your Light spark our imaginations so that all might live in the light. Light of the World,

**All: Let your light so shine!**

L: Shining light of Truth, We dwell in a world of greed and grievous sin. It is part of us and we are part of it. Break us out of our covered, shadowed existence - open our eyes to the light of truth around us - help us see our participation in global injustice and our part in shaping a new day for all. Light of the world,

**All: Let your light so shine!**

L: Sun Creator, You created the gift of life itself and have powered it by the work of the sun. Through its power, crops grow, ecosystems flourish, life is sustained,