



Your word

is a lamp to my feet and a
light to my path.

Psalm
119:105

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
Favorite Hymn of Kathy Wanzong

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

INVOCATION

P: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

All: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

P: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

All: God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

P: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the presence of a God whose word has called the earth and the stars into being,

All: we stand in awe.

L: In the presence of a God whose arms have held children,

All: we stand in trust.

L: In the presence of a God whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for justice,

All: we stand in need.

L: Before you, Giver of Life, we come in faith, in search of love and justice and wholeness.

All: Be with us; hear us, we pray. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

All: Amen.

Silence for Reflection

P: Reconciling God,

All: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives.

P: We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.

All: We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

P: We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

All: We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.

P: We sin in thought, word, and deed.

All: By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

All: Our sins are forgiven.

P: Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

LITANY

L: You call us to love those whom you would love,

All: and give us the words to say.

L: You call us to bring wholeness to lives that are broken,

All: and give us the words to say.

L: You call us to bring comfort to those who are grieving,

All: and give us the words to say.

L: You call us to bring good news to those who are seeking,

All: and give us the words to say.

L: Your word, living water in desert sands.

All: Your word, blossoming in parched earth.

L: Your word, bearing fruit wherever it is sown.

All: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.

All: By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word. You speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways.

All: With all the power you have given us, let us be silent and open to listening... for nourishment, comfort, for challenge and new focus. Amen.

Reader: The reading is from Psalm 119 beginning with verse 105.

READING . . . *Psalm 119:105-112*

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word. Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances. I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours,

All: and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

L: Water and word, wine and bread:

All: these are signs of your abundant grace.

L: Nourish us through these gifts,

All: that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world. Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Abiding God, care for all who are in need. For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: 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.

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BENEDICTION

P: May the steadfast love of God surround you;
The vulnerable love of Jesus Christ inspire you;
The penetrating power of the Holy Spirit surprise you.

All: We go to share God's love with the world.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE . . . “*Earth and All Stars*”

Favorite Hymn of Terri MacFarlane

SINGING BOWL

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