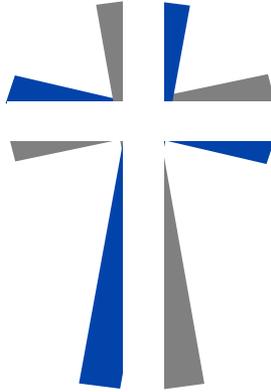


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Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev. Brandon Eggar

PASTOR: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; he that believes in me, though he were dead yet shall he live; and whoever believes in me shall never die.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are those who die in the Lord; even so says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.**

PASTOR: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

PEOPLE: **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Song

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

The Word Reveals the Reason for Death

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:8-13; 22-24

Song

“Come Light Our Hearts”

The Word Promises Deliverance

Isaiah 9:2-7

The Word Proclaims That Deliverance Has Come

Luke 2:25-32

Song

“Come, O Redeemer Come”

The Word Declares the End of Death

Revelation 21:1-7

Song

“Is He Worthy?”

To the Bereaved...from Darkness to Light

PEOPLE: It is dark, Lord, and cold. Are you there?

PASTOR: Yes, I am here. "I will give you the treasures of darkness." *Isaiah 45:3*

PEOPLE: Is there treasure here in the face of death? If there is, I cannot see it.

PASTOR: Remember, who I am. I form light and create darkness, I make well, and create woe; I, the Lord, do all these things. *Isaiah 45:7*

PEOPLE: Why, my Lord, have you created woe, for it is mine, and it overwhelms me?

PASTOR: "When I wound, I heal." *Deuteronomy 32:39*

PEOPLE: Heal me Lord, for my heart is breaking.

PASTOR: I will bind up the wounds of the brokenhearted, but not before it is time. There is a time for every purpose under heaven. I have given you a time to mourn. *Psalms 34:18; Ecclesiastes 3:1,4*

PEOPLE: But it is so dark, make your light to dawn upon me, O my God!

PASTOR: The dawn is coming. But know that he is blessed "who walks in darkness, and has no light, yet trusts in the name of the Lord, and relies upon his God." Know that I have promised not to break a bruised reed, or quench a dimly burning wick. *Isaiah 50:10; 42:3*

PEOPLE: "My tears have been my food day and night." O Lord, how long?
Psalms 42:3

PASTOR: No longer than necessary. Weeping may tarry for the long dark night, but joy will come in the morning. During the night, "I will lead you in a way you know not, I will turn your darkness into light and your rough places into a level ground." *Psalms 30:5; Isaiah 42:16-17*

PEOPLE: When Lord, and how? Tarry not.

PASTOR: "The true light that enlightens every person has come into the world."
John 1:9

PEOPLE: We will do well to pay attention to him, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the morning star rises in our hearts. *2 Peter 1:19*

PASTOR: Jesus is our bright and Morning Star. *Revelation 22:16*

PEOPLE: He is the light of the world. *John 8:12*

PASTOR: The darkness is passing away; the true light is already shining.
1 John 2:8

PEOPLE: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, upon them the light has shined. *Isaiah 9:2*

PASTOR: Light will dawn for the righteous, even joy for the upright in heart!
Psalms 97:11

PEOPLE: We shall see, and our hearts will rejoice. *Isaiah 66:14*

PASTOR: There shall be no night there. *Revelation 21:25; 22:5*

PEOPLE: For the Lord God shall be their light, and they, and we, shall reign forever and ever. *Revelation 22:5*

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ALL: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with humanity. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning or crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” *Revelation 21:3-4*

An Offering of Names in Gratitude to God:

At this time, you may come forward to light your candle and place it on the table. As you place the candle on the table, you may say the name(s) of your loved one, or indicate to the pastor that you would prefer that he say it.

Hymn

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

Benediction

PASTOR: To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy, to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord before all ages, now and forevermore.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Postlude