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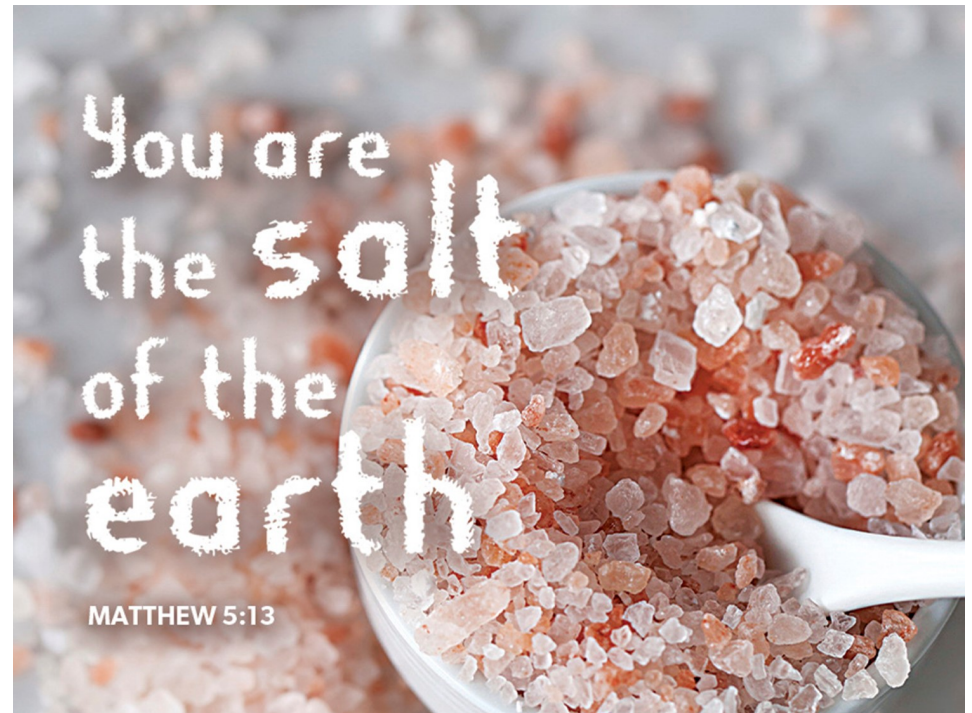
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# Sunday Worship

## February 5, 2023



# Welcome to Worship

**Children are welcome in worship at FLW!**

Activity bags for children are in the entry. The Nursery (down the hall) is available for families with young children to use.

*The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.*

**Prelude** *Man in Black* Cash

**Gathering Hymn** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW #533 vs. 1,2,5

Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before thee;  
come thou also unto me;  
where we find thee and adore thee,  
there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou,  
let it be thy temple now!

Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
here is balm for all our woes.

## **Invocation**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another**

gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offring up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.

## **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;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Sending Song**

*This Little Light of Mine*

ELW #677

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.** *Numbers 6:24-26 (NRSV)*

## **Dismissal**

Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

### **Apostle's 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 the People**

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and  
power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

### **Offering**

#### **Anthem**

*Go, Make Disciples*

Hanson

#### **Offering Prayer**

Liberating God,  
**you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful  
power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. In Jesus'  
name we pray. Amen.**

#### **Offering Response**

*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door,

**for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our  
Savior.

**Amen.**

### **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

### **Hymn of Praise**

*Jesus Messiah*

#### **Verse 1**

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

#### **Chorus**

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

#### **Verse 2**

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

#### **Chorus**

#### **Bridge**

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

#### **Chorus**

#### **Ending**

Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of all

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### **Prayer of the Day**

God of wisdom,

**Your knowledge and compassion surpasses human understanding.  
Help us to receive your Holy Word and live according to your ways,  
that we may proclaim your goodness and glorify your name in all that  
we do. Amen.**

### **Psalm:** Psalm 112:1-9 (NRSV)

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast  
forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

### **Lesson** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (NRSV)

The lesson is from first Corinthians, the 2nd chapter.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the  
mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know  
nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to  
you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my  
proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a  
demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not  
on human wisdom but on the power of God.

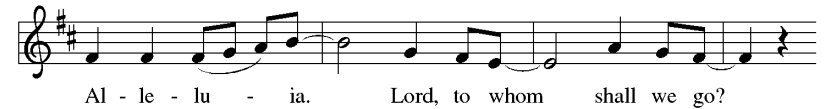
Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of  
this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we  
speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the  
ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they  
had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,  
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has  
revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even  
the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human  
except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what

is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the  
spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may  
understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**



### **Gospel** Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSV)

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

### **Glorify to you, O Lord**

Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste,  
how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is  
thrown out and trampled under foot.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** *Tuning In and Living Transformed* Vicar Joanna Kathol

**Hymn of the Day** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ELW #834

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.