

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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*Welcome to the Church of the Master as we gather for worship
and Christian fellowship this morning.*

*Welcome to worship, friends and guests -
Brothers and sisters, all, in the family of God!*

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2026

10:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*On this midsummer day, I worship and praise you, O God,
my Creator and Redeemer!*

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #505 - "Send the Light!"*

** Call to Worship: (in unison)*

O GOD, OUR SAVIOR, THE HOPE OF ALL, EVEN OF THOSE WHO ARE FARTHEST AWAY FROM YOU. BY YOUR POWER, YOU FORMED THE MOUNTAINS, AND BY YOUR STRENGTH YOU CALMED THE SEAS. YOU STILL THE CHAOS AND TURMOIL IN OUR HEARTS AND LIVES AND RELATIONSHIPS. AWESOME AND WONDERFUL YOU ARE! EVERY MORNING THE SUN RISES, EVERY EVENING, AS THE DAY FADES INTO NIGHT, ALL CREATION IS DRAWN INTO SONG, DECLARING YOUR BEAUTY, GLORY AND LOVE. WE JOIN THAT SONG IN WORSHIP AND PRAISE! THANKS BE TO YOU, O GOD. AMEN

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

** Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

WE STRUGGLE TO FIND A PLACE OF HUMILITY IN OUR HEARTS. O GOD. MAY YOU AID US IN OUR TRUE CONFESSION THIS DAY. YOU PROMISE TO LOVE, WE RESPOND BY WORSHIPPING IDOLS. YOU PROMISE US YOUR PRESENCE, WE RESPOND BY ATTEMPTING TO CONTROL. YOU PROMISE US NEW LIFE, WE RESPOND BY FOLLOWING OLD WAYS. FORGIVE US.

TEACH US TO BE MINDFUL OF OUR MOTIVES. TEACH US TO BECOME OUR TRUE SELVES. TEACH US TO WORSHIP YOU, NOT SELF OR POSSESSIONS OR PRESTIGE. TEACH US TO BE YOUR CHILDREN, LIVING IN YOUR IMAGE OF GRACE AND LOVE. FOR THESE THINGS JESUS TEACHES US, AND THESE ARE THE VERY THINGS WITH WHICH WE STRUGGLE. WE REPENT, HOLY GOD. REDEEM US YET AGAIN. IN THE ASSURANCE OF YOUR FORGIVENESS, WE GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR GRACE AND LOVE TO US! AMEN.

Announcements

** Hymn of Preparation #128 - "Wonderful Words of Life"*

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power Unleashed!"

Scripture: Psalm 119:105-112 (vv.105-107,108,110-112)

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9,18-20,21-23)

Sermon- "Pentecost Power Unleashed: Reminds Us God's Word is a Lamp Unto Our Feet and to Sow Seeds of the Word into Our Hearts, Minds and Souls!"

Lord's Prayer

** Doxology (#39)*

** Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

** Prayer*

** Closing Hymn #561 - "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"*

Choral Benediction- "Shalom to You" (congregation)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

** Benediction (Pastor)*

* Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
	12:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" in Hahn Hall.
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
Thursday	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
Saturday	12:00 noon	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

"Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer"

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Casey * Diane * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kempes * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Regina Harvey * Theo Beksha * Lester * Maddie * Jeannie * Ed Bungert * Catherine Gomez * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Danielle * Carole Mahon * Pat * Rev. Liz Brantum * Frank Font * Sharon Alexander * Rosa Stewart * Gene Peterson * Damon Hayden * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Patti Zeig * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera *

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

42 nurses laid off at Montefiore Hospital * Rob & family * Cintron family * Pat's family * Heather * Donny & Carolyn Rosemond * Nancy & Gene Peterson * Barbara * Jay Escobar & family * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Wintress * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Heather * Zachariah Bungert * Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons * Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the war with Iran * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * The President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Buckley and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Kevin's cousin Kathleen Ruane & nephew Tyler Bello

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

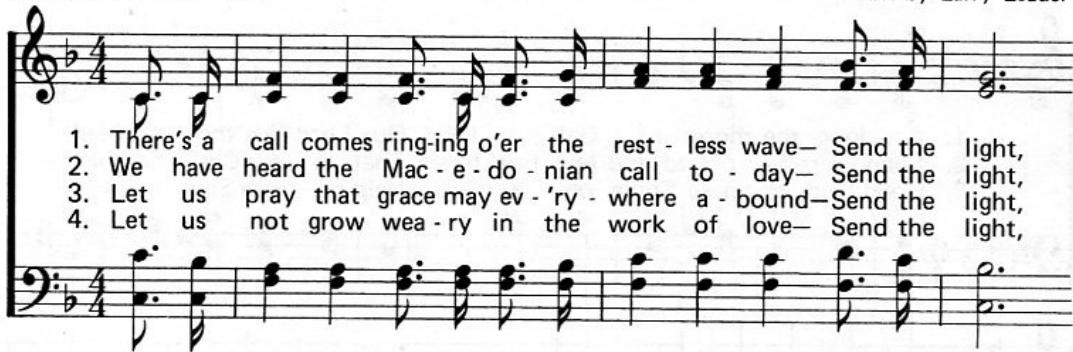
We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified,

Send the Light! — 505

CHARLES H. GABRIEL

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Arr. by Larry Leader

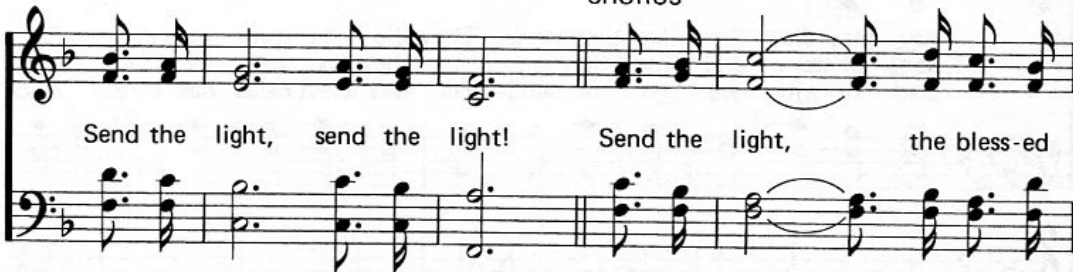


1. There's a call comes ring-ing o'er the rest - less wave— Send the light,
 2. We have heard the Mac - e - do - nian call to - day— Send the light,
 3. Let us pray that grace may ev - 'ry - where a - bound— Send the light,
 4. Let us not grow wea - ry in the work of love— Send the light,



send the light! There are souls to res - cue, there are souls to save—
 send the light! And a gold - en of - f'ring at the cross we lay—
 send the light! And a Christ-like spir - it ev - 'ry - where be found—
 send the light! Let us gath - er jew - els for a crown a - bove—

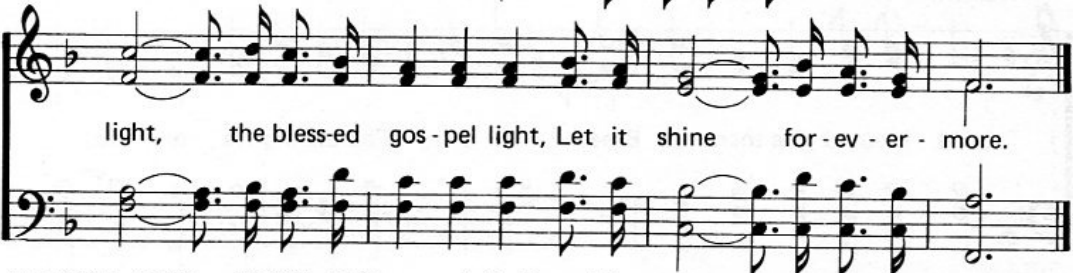
CHORUS



Send the light, send the light! Send the light, the bless-ed



gos - pel light, Let it shine from shore to shore; Send the



light, the bless-ed gos - pel light, Let it shine for - ev - er - more.

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SERVICE AND MISSION

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

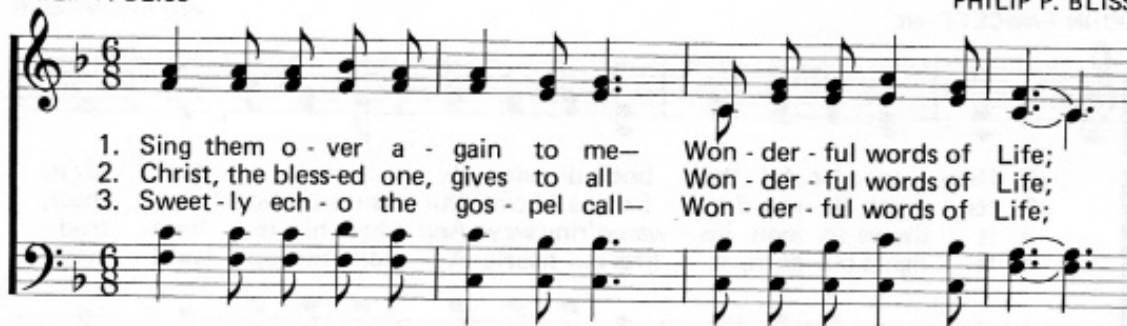
**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

128 — Wonderful Words of Life

PHILIP P. BLISS

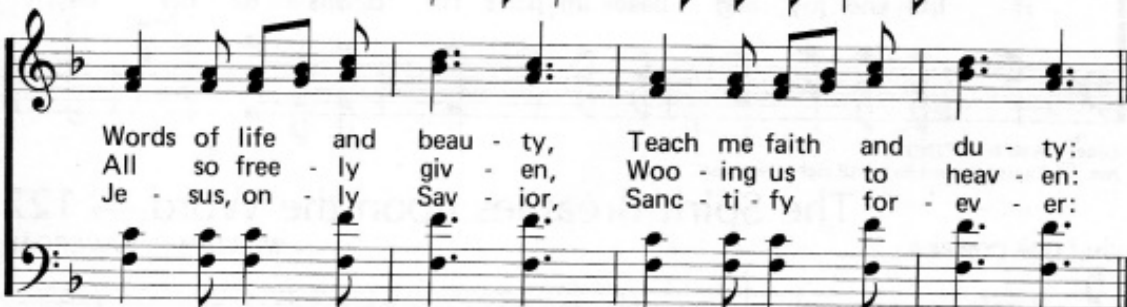
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1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me— Won - der - ful words of Life;
 2. Christ, the bless-ed one, gives to all Won - der - ful words of Life;
 3. Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call— Won - der - ful words of Life;



Let me more of their beau - ty see— Won - der - ful words of Life.
 Sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call— Won - der - ful words of Life.
 Of - fer par - don and peace to all— Won - der - ful words of Life.

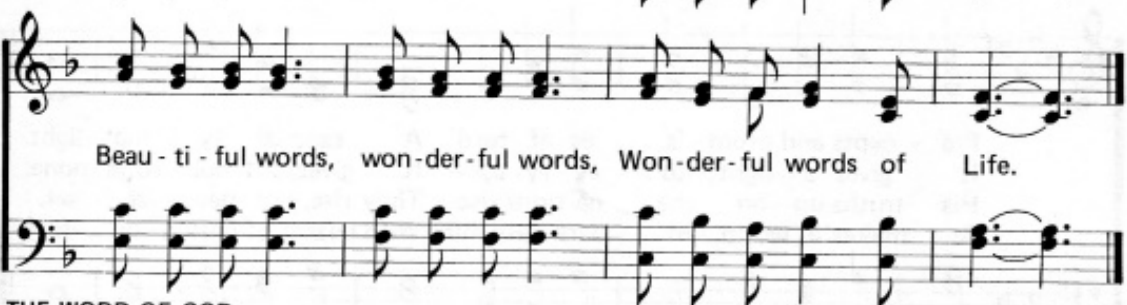


Words of life and beau - ty, Teach me faith and du - ty:
 All so free - ly giv - en, Woo - ing us to heav - en:
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, Sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er:

REFRAIN



Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, Won - der - ful words of Life;



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THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 119: 105-112 (vv. 105-107, 108, 110-112)
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 18-20. 21-23)

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

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted; give me life,
O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me your ordinances.

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted; give me life,
O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me your ordinances.

¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.

⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Since Jesus Came into My Heart — 561

RUFUS H. McDANIEL

CHARLES H. GABRIEL

1. What a won-der-ful change in my life has been wrought Since Je - sus came
 2. I have ceased from my wan-d'ring and go - ing a - stray, Since Je - sus came
 3. I shall go there to dwell in that Cit - y, I know, Since Je - sus came

in - to my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,
 in - to my heart! And my sins, which were man-y, are all washed a - way,
 in - to my heart! And I'm hap - py, so hap - py, as on - ward I go,

CHORUS

Since Je - sus came in - to my heart! Since Je - sus came in - to my

heart, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart, Floods of joy o'er my

soul like the sea bil - lows roll, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart.

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WITNESS AND TESTIMONY