SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY February 5, 2023

Welcome; Prayer; Announcements

	Prelude	Janice Mitchell The Light of the World is Jesus" – Philip Bliss (1875)
	Bringing F	orth the Light Acolytes
†		ship(From Matthew 5:13-20) We are called to flavor the world with God's love.
	People:	We are the salt of the earth.
	Leader:	We are called to reflect the hope that God brings new life.
	People:	We are the light of the world.
	Leader:	We are called to fulfill God's laws.
	People:	Let us love God and love one another.

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim, his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.

Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

> Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare, the deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all decrees, who by his hand prepared the land and formed the seas.

Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts; his holy will obey and harden not your hearts.
His ways are best; and lead at last, all troubles past, to perfect rest.

Special MusicSanctuary Choir "A Blessing of Music"
Call to Confession
Hymn of AssuranceNo. 445 "Just As I Am" (Stanza 1)
Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
Prayer of Confession (In Unison) Congregation Forgive us Lord, when our ways have been clouded by compromise, or darkened by doubt. Forgive us Lord, when we have failed to flavor your world for the better. Restore us Lord, that we might indeed be the light of the world and the salt of the earth that you have called us to be.
Silent Prayers of ConfessionCongregation
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Assurance of PardonRev. Price "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."
Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For God so loved the world that he
gave his only begotten Son. (John 3:16) People: Freely we have received.
Leader: Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your
increase. (Proverbs 3:9)
People: Freely we give.
Offertory Interlude Janice Mitchell
Offertory Prayer Dr. Sweet Offering Congregation
Special Music Sanctuary Bell Choir
"Vasylyna's Tears"
("Vasylyna's Tears" was written in honor of the Ukrainian people who continue to struggle for their freedom under a government who refuses to heed their cries. Vasylyna is a common woman's name – she weeps for her lost countrymen.)
Prayers of the People; Lord's Prayer Dr. Sweet
Scripture (Page 1501) Matthew 5:13-16 Leader: The word of the Lord, People: Thanks be to God.
Sermon
Invitation to Christian Discipleship Dr. Sweet
Hymn of Consecration
Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee; take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.

Offertory Sentence (Responsively)

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee; take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold, not a mite would I withhold.

†	Benediction	Dr. Swee
†	Closing Hymn	No. 568
	"Take My Life and Let It Be"	(Stanza 4)

Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

†	Taking the Light into the WorldAcolytes
†	Postlude
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† Indicates congregation standing.

Today's altar flowers are given by John and Penny Evans in memory of Brien Evans.

A PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Merciful God, you call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world.
Help us be an influence for good.
Help us to flavor the earth with your mercy and to reflect the light of your love.
Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

SHOWER FOR TAYLOR BALLINGER

Everyone is invited to celebrate Taylor Raby Ballinger with a baby girl shower on Sunday, February 5th at 2:00 pm in the Family Life Center Reception Room. Taylor is registered at Target and Amazon.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL

The meal for Wednesday, February 8th is baked ham, mac & cheese and pineapple casserole.

OptIN

OptiN continues this week on Wednesday night from 6-7 pm in the Kitchen Classroom in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH

There will be a Youth Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 12, 2023 in the Youth Room-FLC at 6:30 pm.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. **Worship** - 10:30 a.m.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Meal starts at 5:00 pm Activities for Children & Youth begin at 6:00 pm

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Thomas D. Sweet / Senior Minister

Rev. Billy Price / Associate Minister

B. J. Mathis / Youth Minister

Faye King / Music Director

Alyssa Atchley / Children's Music Director

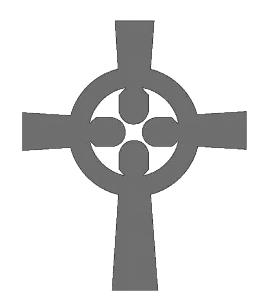
Janice Mitchell / Organist

Stacey Cox / Children's Ministry Coordinator

Chris Cagle / Technology

Joanne Hurd / Administrative Assistant

We are glad you have joined us in worship today.
Welcome cards are in the back of your pew.
Your completed card can be placed
in the offering plate.



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