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We Are Called To Be

A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD

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WELCOME

THOUGHT FOR WORSHIP **Ephesians 5:8-9**

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all
goodness, righteousness and truth).

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the world is dark and full of hate and fear,
ALL: WHEN WE CANNOT SEE GOD, WE WILL TURN ON THE LIGHT.
One: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace
ALL: WE WILL TURN ON THE LIGHT.
One: When our vision dims due to the darkness within
ALL: WE WILL TURN ON THE LIGHT.
One: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.
ALL: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS JESUS CHRIST.
One: Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind.
ALL: HALLELUJAH! PRAISE GOD, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! *

HYMN **The Light of the World is Jesus** **Insert**

PRAYER

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS **(Patti Digh)**

“Being generous often consists of simply extending a hand. That's hard
to do if you are grasping tightly to your righteousness, your belief

system, your superiority, your assumptions about others, your
definition of normal.”

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY SONG **This Little Light of Mine** **No. 401 vs 1 & 2**
PRAYER

SCRIPTURE **John 9:1-41**

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

MESSAGE **Who is really blind?** **Pastor Marla**

HYMNAL **Lo a Gleam** **No. 591**

COMMUNITY SHARING

Announcements
Joys and Concerns
Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

HYMNAL **There is a Balm in Gilead** **No. 627**

LEAVING

One: Go into the world, carrying the light of Christ into the darkness!
ALL: WE GO, WITH HEARTS FULL AND EYES OPEN!
One: Receive God's love and care, and share that love and care with
others!
**ALL: WE GO, WITH EYES REFLECTING GOD'S LIGHT AND HANDS
OPEN TO SHARE IT!**
One: May you walk in the light of Christ all the days of your life!
ALL: WE WILL FOLLOW CHRIST WHEREVER HE LEADS US! AMEN *

POSTLUDE

*<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4792/worshipelements-march-26-2017>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today -We will be taking a special offering for the District/Brotherhood.

February 12 - The Emergency Preparedness Committee will have its initial meeting at 7:00 pm. Justin Shaulis, who will facilitate the planning, anticipates it will take 6-9 months to complete an emergency plan. If you plan on being part of the planning, please let Dale Miller know by February 11th. Beginning in March, the committee will meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

February 18 - Will be the Annual Lighten-Up Potluck Luncheon which will be held at Noon. If you are planning on attending, please bring a healthy dish to share. The Nurture Committee will provide the beverage. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board the week of February 4th.

February 23 - This will be our first SERRV Work Day. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 7:30 am returning around 5:00 pm. Lunch will be served. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

February 24 - MAN2MAN Workshop - Men's Leadership Summit and Breakfast will be held from 8:00 am - Noon. Registration is \$16.00 per person, which includes the breakfast.

February 28 - The Women's Fellowship Monthly Birthday Breakfast will be held at the Farmer's Market at 9:00 am. Hope to see you there!

February 28 - Gloria Ramirez will host the 1st Conversation of the Year from 2 to 4pm. The topic will be the winter(s) that you remember the most. If you have any pictures to share of your memory, please bring them along. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. This will allow me to prepare the snack for the meeting. Thanks, Gloria

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, February 11

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
Special Offering for the District/Brotherhood

MONDAY, February 12

1:00 pm Witness Commission Mtg.
7:00 pm Initial Mtg. of Emergency Preparedness Program

TUESDAY, February 13

3:30 pm Music/Worship Commission Mtg.
7:00 pm Stewards Commission Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, February 14

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 15

9:00 am CCNS Parent/Teacher Conferences

FRIDAY, February 16

9:00 am CCNS Parent/Teacher Conferences

SUNDAY, February 18

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
First Sunday of Lent
Noon Lighten-Up Luncheon
Scripture - John 11:1-44
Message - Jesus Raises Lazarus