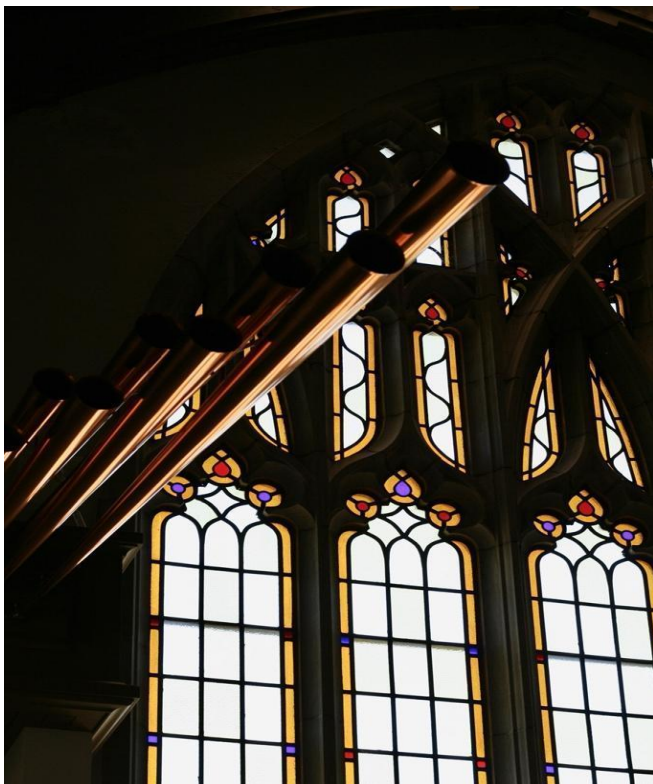


January 22, 2023 7pm

Night Church

"Yours is the day, yours also the night."
Psalm 74:16



Loving God. Loving People.
Growing in Christ Together.

Leading: The Rev. Brian Suggs

Welcome

The Greeting:

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
a light no darkness can quench.

A candle is lit.

Leader: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:
All: **and the day is almost over.**

Leader: Even the darkness is not dark for you:
All: **and the night shines like the day.**

Leader: Let your light scatter the darkness:
All: **and fill your church with your glory.**

Opening Prayer:

Leader: God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.
All: **Amen.**

Song of Praise:
I'll Follow
Cody Carnes

Verse 1:
You are the light of the world
Who else could lead me
You have the words of life
Who else would I follow

You are the living well
For all who are thirsty
You invite me to journey with You
And I say yes

Chorus:

Your word is a lamp to my feet
I'll follow wherever You lead
You're the way, the truth, the life
Now and always
Your spirit is lighting my path
I'll follow, there's no turning back
You're the way, the truth, the life
Now and always

Verse 2:

If it's the wilderness
I know You'll lead me through it
If it's the promised land
I know You've led me to it
You invite me to journey with You
And I say yes

Chorus

Bridge:

Cloud by day or fire by night
Either way You're by my side
Jehovah never fails
Jehovah never fails
Wilderness or promised land
Either way I'm in Your hand
Jehovah never fails
Jehovah never fails

Chorus

Bible Reading:
Psalm 27:1, 5-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.**

Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

**If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.
Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.**

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

Wait for the Lord;

**be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

Bible Reading:
Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from Matthew's gospel.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Talk:
The Rev. Brian Suggs

Response to God's Word:

After hearing the scriptures read and hearing more about them during 'the talk', we respond with our beliefs about who God is.

Let us declare our faith in God.

All: **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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.**

Song of Praise:
Lord I Need You
Matt Maher

Verse 1:

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus:

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Verse 2:

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Bridge:

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
(repeat)

Chorus

Ending:

You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Prayer:

This is a time to bring those people and things that are on our hearts and minds to God. Intercessions (prayers said for others) are offered and we end by saying the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer.

Father in Heaven, thank you for your great love, for your never ending mercy and your lavish grace. You have made us your own by sending your Son, Jesus Christ. Now we hear you calling us to lives of faith that honour you. Help us to faithfully follow you, we pray.

You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. **May our love for our brothers and sisters be strengthened by your grace.**

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. **Give us clean hands and pure hearts, so that our lives will reflect your holiness.**

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. **May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all.**

You have called us as members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. **We ask for your comfort and**

healing power to bring hope to those who are sick and in distress.

You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom. **Prepare us for the wedding feast, where we will be united with you for ever.**

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.**
Amen.

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
so in faith and trust we pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession:

During confession we all say sorry to God and ask for forgiveness for the wrong things (called sin) we've done and for the things we've thought in our minds that aren't pleasing to God. We also say sorry and ask forgiveness for the things we haven't done but should have done. We don't always mean to

do wrong (sin), but we do. We all need God's forgiveness, so we ask for it. God has promised to always forgive us and never to remember our sin again.

Leader: We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

All: **God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have
thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to
do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution:
The priest now confirms God's forgiveness of us all.

Leader: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song of Praise:
Doxology / Amen
Phil Wickham

Verse 1:
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above you, heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Chorus:

Amen, Amen, Amen
God, we praise You
God, we praise You

Verse 2:

Praise God for all that he has done
Praise Him for He has overcome
The grave is beaten, love has won
Praise God, our Savior, Christ the Son

Chorus x2

Closing Prayer:

**All: God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing (sung):

**All: Go now in peace; go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

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