

*Faith is simply your
response to the
message of God's
love and grace.*
Sahne Callahan

SALT & LIGHT



June 26, 2022



Glorification of God

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Immortal, Invisible* arr. Peterson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is the grace and glory of God.

We give thanks with hearts of joy.

Great is the strength and mercy of our creator.

We give thanks with hearts of hope.

Great is the courage and hope of our Lord.

We give thanks with hearts of faith.

Great is the mercy and compassion of the Holy One.

We give thanks with hearts of love.

HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth* no.431

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Spirit of love, you know the yearning for love
that rests in each and every one of us.**

**Help us love one another, even when hatred
and anger well within us. Bring us peace and
patience, even when restlessness and enmity
fill our hearts. Inspire us to live with generosity
of spirit when we are immersed in self-centered
thoughts and selfish actions. Shower us with joy
and hope when fear and despair are all around.
Bear your fruit in our lives, through the power of
your grace and forgiveness, that we may be
children of your Spirit, living by your power and
following where you lead. In gratitude and trust,
we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF PERSONAL SIN

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

If we live by the Spirit, we will be guided by the Spirit. Guided by the Spirit, we are children of the Spirit, healed by God's love, and blessed by Christ's grace.

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried,
was raised on the third day and appeared
first to the women, then to Peter and the
Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed
One of God, the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things
hold together, in whom the fullness of God was
pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles
all things to God.**

Based on I Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20

GLORIA PATRI

no. 70

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some

have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

MUSIC *Amazing Grace* arr. Larry Sue
The Rotz Family Ringers

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:13-16

"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. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*
TFWS no. 2191

MESSAGE *Glorification of God*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

(You may give your offering by text, at umcwc.org, through the mail, by automated giving through Realm, or by dropping it off at our office.)
Your offering changes lives! It helps the Church supply all of the support, guidance, and resources you need to help you follow Jesus into a hurting world. Through your offering we develop a healing community, a spiritual family following Jesus together, that reaches out to our neighborhood with the grace of God. Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts help people grow to be more like Christ.

OFFERING VIDEO *Together We Do More*

OFFERING RESPONSE

no. 90, vs. 4

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OFFERING PRAYER

**Bear fruit with these gifts we now bring, Holy One.
May they bring a double share of your presence
to all who are touched by them. Bless us also,
who have given so generously, that we may
grow in your Spirit, bringing even more generosity
and love to your world. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* no. 593

BENEDICTION

Go to be fruitful in all that you do! Bring love, joy, peace, and patience to everyone you meet. Share kindness, gentleness, and generosity in every encounter.

**In doing so, we will not only live by the Spirit,
we will bring the Spirit with us to the world. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Postlude in G* Mendelssohn/Blake

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Dawson Richardson is a long-time member of our church. He is a graduate of the Naval Academy where he was a classmate of Roger Staubach, Heisman Trophy winner and former Dallas Cowboys quarterback. He is a former Navy Seal and 30 year naval veteran. He currently works for Merrill Lynch. Thank you for preaching today!

The flowers on the Lord's Table are presented to the glory of God in celebration of their 28th wedding anniversary by John and Eileen Hogan.

The rose on the Lord's table is in celebration of the birth of Elliot Benedict Stanley, son of Grant and Yeoh hee Stanley, grandson of Milt and Kathy Stanley, and brother of Johanna, born June 20, 2022.

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Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, David Maxwell,
Brad Rush, Zeke Smith, Cory Smith (leader)

Being Salt and Light

"Christians, must be salt and light, but never self-serving: salt must add flavor and light must illuminate the other." — Pope Francis

Jesus himself, as the gospel story goes on to its dramatic conclusion, lives out the same message of the Sermon on the Mount: he is the light of the world, he is the salt of the earth, he loves his enemies and gives his life for them, he is lifted up on a hill so that the world can see.
— N. T. Wright

Continue to walk in the faith and, faithful to the mandate that has been entrusted to you, go out with solicitude and joy toward all creatures and pass on to them the gifts of salvation... Let yourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit to be the leaven of new life, salt of the earth and light of the world. — Pope Benedict XVI

We are God's people and our purpose is to become the light of the world and the salt of the earth.
— Sunday Adelaja

A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle. — James Keller

You have to find what sparks a light in you so that you in your own way can illuminate the world.— Oprah Winfrey

"As long as religious people are well dressed, well fed, and well cared for, words about being in solidarity with the poor will remain pious words more likely to evoke good feelings than creative actions. As long as we are doing well what others are doing better and more efficiently, we can hardly expect to be considered the salt of the earth or the light of the world. In short, as long as we avoid displacement, we will miss the compassionate life to which our Lord calls us."
— Henri J.M. Nouwen

When we privatize our faith, we cease to be salt and light in the world. No longer part of a counterculture revolution, or an outpost of heaven demonstrating God's plan for restoration and resurrection, we reduce our faith to this: "Jesus came, died, and rose from the grave to get me into heaven." — Mike Slaughter

The Bible says that Christians are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. On the job, in the grocery store, even among unsaved friends and family members, God's people are there to bring seasoning to an unsavory situation. — Joyce Meyer

There is no single way to serve God, but the point is this: We each have only one life to live to tell a story about Him, about His ways, about His love. And if we are Christ followers, then God calls us to use our gifts, to exercise our faith, and to become salt and light right where we are.
— Sally Clarkson

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