

Prelude

Welcome

Anthem

"Jesu, Son of God Most Holy"

Call to Worship

Let your light shine! **We are the salt of the earth.**

Let your light shine! **We are the light of the world.**

Let your light shine! **Praise God for the gifts given to us!**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

Time for Wonder *children are invited forward*

Sermon

"Salt and Light"

Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of Belhar)

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ;**

that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,

that the church is witness both by word and by deed

to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;

**that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death,
and therefore, also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity,**

that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church

to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Response to the Word

"O God of Light, May Our Light Shine"

by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: # 722 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

O God of light, may our light shine

In ways that serve and honor you.

May we be loving, just and kind,

Proclaiming Christ in all we do.

God, where your people are oppressed

And where they cry out in despair,

Make us your light — to heal, to bless —

A witness, Lord, that you are there.

Christ, when your way is pushed aside

By those who trust in wealth and might,

Make us your lamps that we may guide

A searching world to your love's light.

O Spirit, in this world of doubt,

We often sin and drift away;

When our own faith is flickering out,

Shine on our path and light our way.

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation

**Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point.
We know how to perform righteousness:
we go to church, we donate, we volunteer.
We show off our piousness,
instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources
with those in the most need.
Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves with no thought for others.
Teach us the way that leads to justice and peace.**

-Quiet Reflection-

Assurance of Pardon

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to set us free.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God.

Our Response to Grace #515

“I Come with Joy”

verses 1-3

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Jesus is with us. **Jesus is with us now.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**
Let us give thanks for the bounty that is life.
It is right and good to share this feast with all of creation. *[celebrant continues]*

All praise to God, **Creator of Love!**
All praise to Jesus, **Love Incarnate!**
All praise to Spirit, **Love in Action!** *[celebrant continues]*

Breaking Bread Together

One: The bread of heaven. **ALL: We are one in the bread we share.** *[Partake of the bread together]*
One: The cup of salvation. **ALL: We are one in the cup we share.** *[Partake of the cup together]*

Prayer Dedicating Our Lives and Offerings

*Gifts may also be given in the baskets at the sanctuary doors, [online at firstprescf.org](http://online.at.firstprescf.org), or by mail:
First Presbyterian Church, 902 Main St., Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613*

Our Response to Grace #515

“I Come With Joy”

verses 4-5

Our Life Together

Sending Hymn #744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Go in peace and boldness to love and serve the Lord!