WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASTORAL GREETING

PRELUDE

“Awake, My Soul”

Dietrich Buxtehude

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ian Pritchard

One: The sun shines new each morning…
Many: And we are given the gift of this new day.
One: A light shines in the darkness that will not be overcome…
Many: And we are offered hope.
One: The love of God illumines our purpose…
Many: As we gather now for worship.

HYMN

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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Music: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904
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O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:
on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing “Holy, holy, holy” to the great God triune.

On you, at earth’s creation, the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord, victorious sent Spirit sent from heaven.
And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God’s people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,
Christ’s living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ian Pritchard

Jesus stood bathed in light, dazzling, radiant…
Forgive us, God, for accepting mediocrity in your name
and calling it good enough.

Peter sought to dwell in the place of glory…
Forgive us, God, for keeping the holy vision to ourselves.

Jesus came while a voice was shouting,
"this is my Beloved; listen!"
Forgive us, God, for hearing only that which we prefer.

Grant us courage, O Spirit, to shine, share, and be guided by your wisdom.

(Adapted from a prayer by Katherine Hawker)
ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Ian Pritchard

Hear the good news!
Christ offered his life for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
This day we are a people forgiven.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
Rev. Colin Pritchard

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Walt Gage

Psalm 50: 1-3 *(The Message translation)*
The God of gods—it’s God!—speaks out, shouts, “Earth!”
welcomes the sun in the east,
farewells the disappearing sun in the west.
From the dazzle of Zion,
God blazes into view.
Our God makes his entrance,
he’s not shy in his coming.
Starbursts of fireworks precede him.

Mark 9: 2-9 *(New Revised Standard Version)*
Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high
mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became
dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah
with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to
be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not
know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud
there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked
around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had
seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

MESSAGE
“Shining”
Rev. Colin Pritchard

SPECIAL MUSIC
“Bring Down the Mountain”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
(When prompted please respond in unison with “Lord hear our prayer”)
For the world . . .  *Lord hear our prayer.*
For our nation . . .  *Lord hear our prayer.*
For our community . . .  *Lord hear our prayer.*
For those we have left in the dark . . .  *Lord hear our prayer.*
For those who have illuminated the way and those blessed moments we have been light bearers . . .  *Lord hear our prayer.*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**
*Our Father, who art in heaven,*
  *hallowed by thy name,*
  *thy kingdom come,*
  *thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*
*Give us this day our daily bread;*
*and forgive us our debts,*
*as we forgive our debtors;*
*and lead us not into temptation,*
*but deliver us from evil.*
*For thine is the kingdom, and the power,*
*and the glory, forever.  Amen.*

**HYMN**
*“Come!  Live in the Light!”*  
Text and Music:  David Haas, 1988  

*Come!  Live in the light!  Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!*
*We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.*

Refrain
*We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;*
*We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

*Come!  Open your heart!  Show your mercy to all those in fear!*
*We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.*

Refrain
*Sing!  Sing a new song!  Sing of that great day when all will be one!*
*God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.*

Refrain

**BENEDICTION**
Go forth now to walk in the light of love. Go forth now to share the light of hope. Go forth now to shine as one touched by the Holy. Go forth now as a living witness to the glory of Christ.

**POSTLUDE**
*“Postlude in D Major”*  
Matthew Lundquist