

An
Armor
of
Light

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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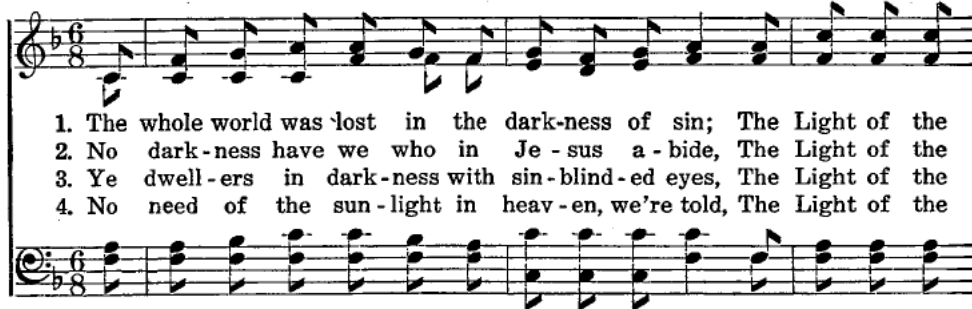
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Feel free to use any gender-neutral language in hymns or responses.

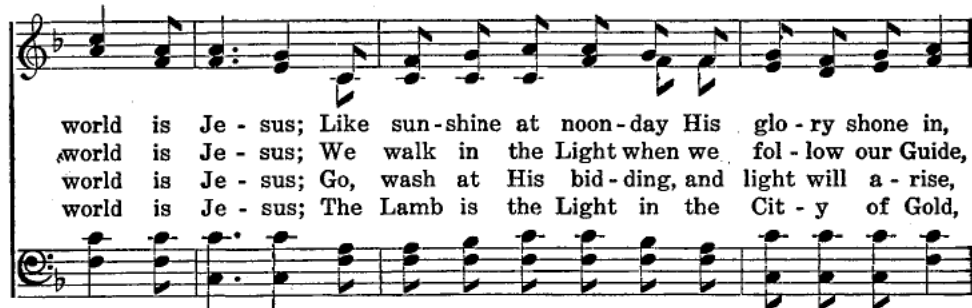
Prelude	<i>Chanson de Matin</i> Community Clarinet Choir	Edward Elgar
Chiming of the Hour		
For Meditation	<i>Sing For Joy!</i>	
Music for Meditation	<i>Menuetto</i> Community Clarinet Choir	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Welcome and Invocation		Betsy Vipperman
Invitation To Worship		
One:	Christ has told us that where two or more are gathered, He is there also.	
All:	So we gather to celebrate our life together in Christ, acknowledging His presence.	
One:	We gather to share the love of God, in this community of faith.	
All:	We gather at the table to practice what Jesus taught us, and in doing so, we proclaim that Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.	
	Let us worship God.	
*Hymn	<i>Sing Alleluia to the Lord</i>	#120
Scripture	<i>Psalm 149</i>	Betsy Vipperman
Special Music	<i>Menuetto</i> Community Clarinet Choir	Anton Dvorak
Morning Prayer:		Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
	Sharing our Joys and Concerns with Unison Lord's Prayer	
*Hymn	<i>The Light of the World is Jesus</i>	next page
Scripture and Prayer	<i>Romans 13:8-14</i>	
Sermon	<i>An Armor of Light</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication		
Music for Response	<i>Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation</i>	arr. Andrew Gant
Invitation to To the Lord's Table		Betsy Vipperman, assisting
Invitation and Institution		
Unison Prayer	You have shown us O God, what is good. And what you require of us. We long to do justice, to live in kindness with each other and to walk humbly with you. Give us aid that we might do your will with love and grace. Amen.	
Sharing the Bread and Cup	<i>We observe an open communion; all are welcome at the table.</i>	
Benediction		
*Parting Music	<i>Go Now In Peace</i>	#717

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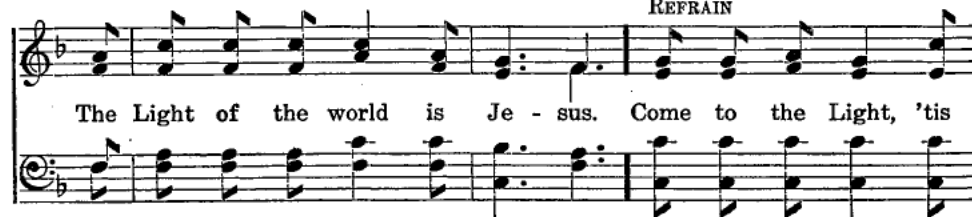


1. The whole world was lost in the dark-ness of sin; The Light of the
 2. No dark-ness have we who in Je - sus a - bide, The Light of the
 3. Ye dwell - ers in dark-ness with sin-blind-ed eyes, The Light of the
 4. No need of the sun-light in heav-en, we're told, The Light of the

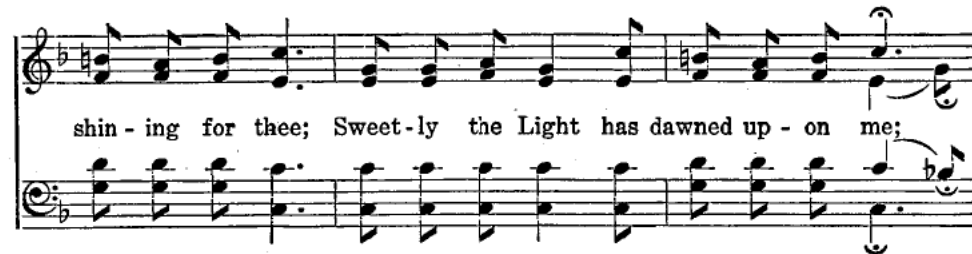


world is Je - sus; Like sun-shine at noon-day His glo - ry shone in,
 world is Je - sus; We walk in the Light when we fol - low our Guide,
 world is Je - sus; Go, wash at His bid - ding, and light will a - rise,
 world is Je - sus; The Lamb is the Light in the Cit - y of Gold,

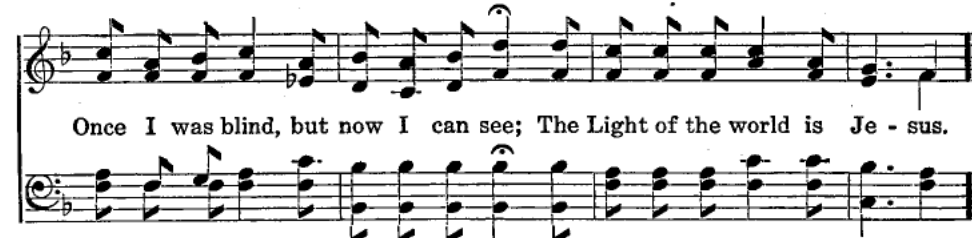
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The Light of the world is Je - sus. Come to the Light, 'tis



shin - ing for thee; Sweet-ly the Light has dawned up - on me;



Once I was blind, but now I can see; The Light of the world is Je - sus.

INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

We welcome you to First Rochester, regardless of race, class, gender, physical challenge, place of origin, or sexual orientation. If you're new with us please fill out the connection card found in your pew and drop it in the offering plate. You may also make a prayer request on the reverse side. We look forward to getting to know you better and praying with you.

TODAY:

- We are accepting canned pasta and jelly for the Center for Youth on the cart as you enter.
- Our children will remain in church today.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- Join us in the Garden Room, adjacent to the sanctuary, for Fellowship with treats after worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) for September 10, will gather at the JCC, 1200 Edgewood. If you are regularly picked up, the driver will make the change. If you drive yourself, we will meet you at the JCC front desk at 11:30. We will exercise and eat in Auditorium A. Then we will walk to the theater to hear Ralph Meranto tell how "Come From Away" came to the JCC. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- Our Children's and Adult Choir programs will resume on Sunday, September 13. All voice types are needed for Adult Choir, which meets at 9:15 AM in the Choir Room before Sunday Service, and all children are invited to attend Children's Choir at 11:15 AM -12:00 PM after Sunday Service.
- Wednesday Studies begins on September 16, when we will begin a 3-part session on Brené Brown's *The Call to Courage* documentary. We will have group discussions on the ideas presented on courage, bravery, vulnerability as strength, and taking emotional risks.
- Join us on Sundays, September 20 and 27 during Second Hour when Heritage Munyakuri will join us for Sunday Forum sharing his life in Congo, refugee camps, immigration, and the church experience of immigrants in the U.S.
- FBCR Book Club for September will be held on the 5th Tuesday, September 29. This month will be a double feature with *Theo of Golden* by Allan Levi and *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall. Join us at 11:30 AM with a bring your own lunch and fellowship then our book discussions will begin at noon. We welcome new people any month. See you then!

PREPARING FOR THE FALL:

- Youth and adult instrumentalists are invited to play in an ensemble on Sunday, November 22 at our Thanksgiving Service. Talk to Carl on Sunday or email him at carl@rochesterfbc.org, if you are interested in joining this ensemble.
- Do you have an idea or topic for a Wednesday Study or an Adult Sunday Forum for the next program year? Planning is underway, so please send your ideas to Pastor Joanne at joanne@rochesterfbc.org, while Pastor Katie Jo is away.

GIVING:

- Today, we will accept items of canned pasta and jellies for the Center for Youth's Food Nook. Since July of 2025, we have donated 784 items and want to expand these gifts. The Center for Youth shares this food with teens in need and at risk.
- On Sunday, September 13, following worship and fellowship, anyone who wishes to help compile hygiene and snack kits to support the Cameron Community's Street Ministry should come to the chapel.

SIGN-UPS IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

- Sign-ups are available in the Garden Room for Readers for September and October, Ushers, or Fellowship, and to receive Information from the church. Please sign up.