

sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed (ecumenical) p.14

Offering Prayer, Special Music

+Response *Gloria Patri*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to the Table

L: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; let those who have no money come and eat.

P: God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast, and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosannah in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

**Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer After Communion**

Going Into the World

+Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (insert)

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude



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+Stand as you are able

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Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

L: Come, all who need help!

**P: Our help comes from God,
the one who made heaven and earth.**

L: Come, all who desire blessing!

**P: Our blessing comes from God,
the God of Abraham, the God of the
ages.**

L: Come, all who long for salvation!

**P: Our salvation comes from Jesus
Christ, the one sent by God to save
the world.**

Let us pray: **God of the ages, we come
into this holy space asking for your
blessing, only to find that the
abundance of your love is already
around us. Open our eyes to see the
blessing of your creation in the
beauty all around us. Open our ears
to hear the blessing of your word
as it is proclaimed in story and song
this day. Open our hearts to
experience the blessing of faith
through the gentle touch of a friend
or the supportive smile of a stranger.
And open our doors, that we may
become vessels of your blessing
to a world still in need of salvation.**

All this we pray in the name of Jesus
Christ; who taught us to pray,
saying: ***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 forever. Amen.***

+Hymn *This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it
shine (3x) let it shine, let it shine, let it
shine*

*Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let
it shine (3x) Let it shine...*

*Don't let anyone put it out, I'm gonna let
it shine (3x) Let it shine...*

This little light of mine...

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of salvation, you shower our
lives and our world with love, yet we
too often turn away from your
blessings. It is just so easy to
complain! There are little
annoyances each day, but they pile
up into a mountainous burden that**

**becomes a curse on our lives. Free
us from our unwise choices, O God.
When we are distracted and
confused, redirect our attention to
the abundant opportunities to
experience your love. During this
Lenten journey, focus our hearts on
you, that we may choose the
blessing of salvation offered us each
day. (Moment of silence.)**

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: God's love has been poured into our
hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Know today that you are forgiven and be
at peace.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Response *Jesus, Remember Me*

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*Jesus, remember me, when you come
into your kingdom; Jesus, remember
me, when you come into your kingdom.*

+Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let
us forgive one another: the peace of
Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Anthem

Hearing the Word

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Lord, Listen to Your Children STF2193

*Lord, listen to your children praying;
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying;
Send us love, send us power, send us
grace.*

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-4

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from
your country and your kindred and your
father's house to the land that I will
show you. ²I will make of you a great
nation, and I will bless you, and make
your name great, so that you will be a
blessing. ³I will bless those who bless
you, and the one who curses you I will
curse; and in you all the families of the
earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram
went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot
went with him. Abram was seventy-five
years old when he departed from
Haran.

Hymn *To God be the Glory (insert)*

Scripture Reading John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named
Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He
came to Jesus by night and said to him,
"Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher
who has come from God; for no one
can do these signs that you do apart
from the presence of God." ³Jesus
answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no
one can see the kingdom of God
without being born from above."

⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can
anyone be born after having grown old?
Can one enter a second time into the
mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus
answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one
can enter the kingdom of God without
being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is
born of the flesh is flesh, and what is
born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be
astonished that I said to you, 'You must
be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows
where it chooses, and you hear the