**GatherinG**

Organ Prelude

*Introit*

Thanksgiving for Light  
Paul Weber

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we glorify you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*Processional Hymn (see hymn insert)*  
O Light Whose Splendor Thrills  
ST. CLEMENT

*Opening Sentence*

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

*Collect for Light*

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of your vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy, that as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson**—Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
(*OT page 179 of the pew Bible*)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem  
Ubi Caritas  
Ola Gjeilo  
(b. 1978)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ’s love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

New Testament Lesson—1 John 5:13-21 (NT page 227)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem  
Praise to the Lord the Almighty arr. F. Melius Christiansen  
(1871-1955)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him. Alleluia! —Joachim Neander

*Gospel Lesson—John 11:55-12:8 (NT pages 99-100)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer Meditation (congregation seated)
Verleih uns Frieden  
Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott, zu unern Zeiten.
Mercifully grant us peace, Lord God, during our time on earth. There is indeed no other Who could fight for us than you, our God, alone.

—Martin Luther’s translation (published in 1528) 7th century prayer for peace, Da pacem Domine

Prayers

(The congregation responds to each petition: “Hear our prayer.”)

The Lord’s Prayer

*Recessional Hymn 200
Tell Out My Soul WOODLANDS

*Benediction

*Choral Dismissal
Glory Be to God the Father Mendelssohn

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

You are welcome to stay for the organ postlude. Should you need to leave, please do so quietly and respectfully.
O Light Whose Splendor Thrills

ST. CLEMENT

1. Oh light whose splendor thrills and
   glad-dens with radiance brighter than the
   sun-set, and lamps are lit, and children
   moments, let faithful voices sing your
   sun, pure gleam of God's unending
   nod, in evening hymns we lift our
   praise, O Son of God, our life be-

2. As twilight hovers near at
   text, and lamps are lit, and children
   moments, let faithful voices sing your
   sun, pure gleam of God's unending
   nod, in evening hymns we lift our
   praise, O Son of God, our life be-

3. In all life's brilliant timeless
   text, and lamps are lit, and children
   moments, let faithful voices sing your
   sun, pure gleam of God's unending
   nod, in evening hymns we lift our
   praise, O Son of God, our life be-

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent.; para Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: Clement C. Scholefield, 1839-1904
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