

**Welcome and Announcements**

Deacon

**Greeting God and One Another**

Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

This is the day our God has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!****Prelude***Based on the music and folklore of Robert Burns, the "Scottish Poet"  
(played on violin by choir member Susan Worland)***Call to Worship**

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One: Friends of God, at all times we are called to bless God's holy name.

**All: Our lips are drenched with praises, and our hearts rejoice in God!**

One: The proud will bend knees in worship; the humbles will lift glad songs.

**All: We are free from our fears, for we have searched for God and have been found!**

One: Our faces glow with thanksgiving, and our spirits overflow with grace.

**All: God has wiped away our tears and fed us with a blessing of hope!**

One: We come just as we are: broken and blessed, grieving and grateful, struggling and spirit-filled to meet our living God this holy day.

**All: We worship as Christ invites us: in spirit and in truth!****\*Gathering Hymn***Be Thou My Vision*

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**Message for All**

Sarah Pradhan

*Deacons will collect Joy and Concern cards at this time.**Children are invited to leave for the Pathfinders program.**This Little Light of Mine (one verse)***Prayers of the People for the World**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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, now and forever. Amen.****A Community Outreach Covenant with Covenant to Care for Children and The Maternal and Infant Outreach Program**

Gail Pillow, Board of Community Outreach

Chad Henze, Moderator

Catherine Haugh, Covenant to Care for Children

Donna Redway, Maternal Infant Outreach Program

**Introduction and Promises**

## Congregational Response

**We witness and support this covenant and offer our love and prayers of support to you, our covenantal partners, and the families you serve. We promise to listen to the needs you share and do all we can to help meet those needs.**

## Presentation

### Unison Blessing

**Holy God, thank you for bringing us together in covenant. Let your grace unite us in a spirit of service and bless our efforts so that children and families know they are not alone or forgotten. Amen.**

## Choir Anthem

*I Am The Light of The World!*  
Jim Strathdee

## Introduction to Scripture

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## Scripture

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As we hear the words of scripture

**Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.**

Matthew 5: 1-12, The Voice Translation

***Congregation proclaims the verses in bold.***

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain (as Moses had done before him) and he sat down (as Jewish teachers of his day usually did). His disciples gathered around him. And he began to teach them.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit –  
**the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

Blessed are those who mourn –  
**they will be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek and gentle –  
**they will inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness –  
**they will be filled.**

Blessed are the merciful –  
**they will be shown mercy.**

Blessed are those who are pure in heart –  
**they will see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers –  
**they will be called children of God.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness –  
**The kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

And blessed are you, blessed are all of you, when people persecute you or despise you or tell lies about you on my account. But when this happens, rejoice. Be glad. Remember that God's prophets have been persecuted in the past. And know that in heaven, you have a great reward.

The grass withers and the flower fades  
**But the Word of God shall stand forever**

**Message** "Unexpected Blessings" Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

**\*Closing Hymn** *They'll Know We Are Christians* # 494

**\*Benediction** Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

**\*Parting Song** *God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again (modified)*

**God be with You till we meet again.  
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.  
God will place arms all around you.  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Postlude** *Allegro Moderato* Norman McFarlane  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
(from Organ Sonata No. 2 in C Minor/Major)

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

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