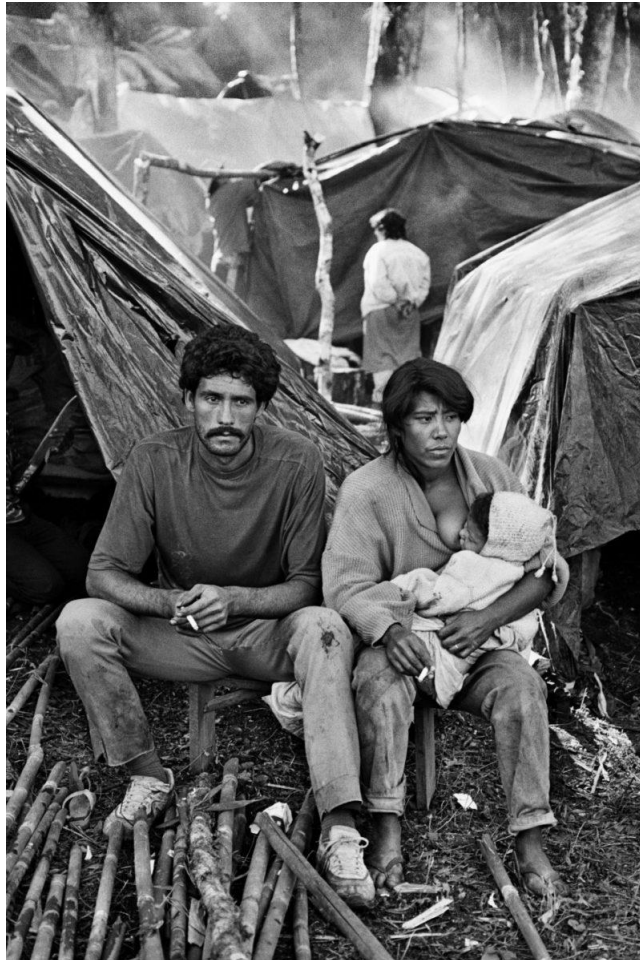


Keene Valley Congregational Church United Church of Christ

January 12, 2025



The Light of the World

WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

MEDITATION

WELCOME

WELCOMING MUSIC

O Thou Joyful

Katterjohn

HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

OPENING READING

Isaiah 60:1 – 5

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples,
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons
shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the
abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to
you.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Greeting Each Other in Peace

WE SHARE SACRED CONVERSATION

ANTHEM

Have You Heard?

Althouse

YOUTH MESSAGE

PRAYER

Period of Silent Meditation

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

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Doxology

**All: To God, all honor and delight,
To Christ revealed in earthly night
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen**

Unison Prayer of Dedication

All: God, we pray that you receive these offerings and transform them into extraordinary blessings. Where your children cry, may they be used to bring joy. Where your children have forgotten to care, may they be used to open hearts. Where your children look within, may they be used to invite all of us to look without. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13 – 18

REFLECTION

The Light of the World

JUST A MOMENT MUSICAL SELECTION

Martha Gallagher

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

HYMN

I Am the Light of the World

CHARGE

based on Micah 6:8

One: As we leave our sanctuary today, and meet again the joys and challenges of our lives and of all Creation, let us remember what God requires of us throughout the upcoming week:

All: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

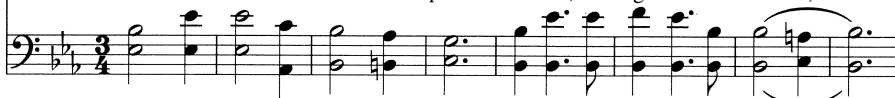
(Jesus, the Light of the World)

John 8:12; 9:5

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.; adapt. George D. Elderkin; alt.



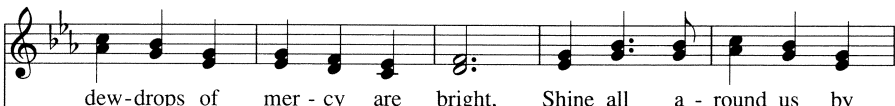
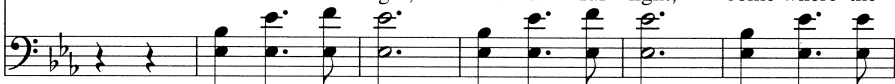
1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 2 Joy-ful, all you saints a-rise, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 3 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 4 Hail the Bear-er of God's peace! Je-sus, the light of the world;



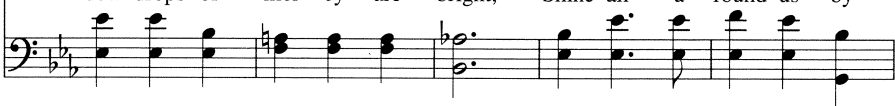
Glo-ry to the Christ-child bring, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Join the tri-umph of the skies, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Word, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the light of the world.

*Refrain*

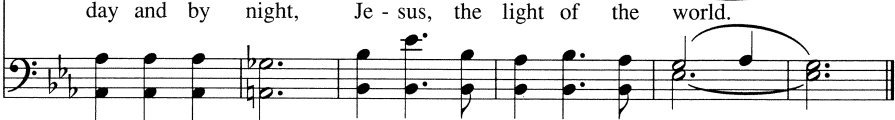
We will fol-low the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the



dew-drops of mer-cy are bright, Shine all a-round us by



day and by night, Je-sus, the light of the world.



I Am the Light of the World

John 8:12

Jim Strathdee, 1969; rev. 1981

In response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman

F *Unison Introduction*

Refrain *B♭* *C* *F*

“I am the light of the world!

B♭ *C* *F* *Gm* *Dm* *C*

You peo-ple come and fol-low me!” If you fol-low and love you’ll

F *Gm7* *C* *B♭* *F* *B♭* *F* *Last time, end*

learn the mys-ter-y of what you were meant to do and be.

F *B♭/D* *C* *F*

1 When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the
 2 7 To find the lost and lone-ly one, 7 to
 3 7 To free the pris-oner from all chains, 7 to
 4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you do, 7 to

Gm Dm C

star in the sky is gone, When the
 heal the bro - ken soul with love, 7 To
 make the pow - er - ful care, To re -
 dance at a ba - by's new birth, 7 To

F Bb C F

sag - es and the shep - herds have found their way home, the
 feed the hun - gry chil - dren with warmth and good food, To
 build the na - tions with strength of good will, to
 make mu - sic in an old per - son's heart, and

Dm Bb Gm7 C *Return to* $\frac{3}{8}$

work of Christ-mas is be - gun:
 feel the earth be - low, the sky a - bove!
 see all God's chil - dren ev - ery - where!
 sing to the col - ors of the earth!

Today's Worship Leadership:

Minister – The Rev. John Sampson
Worship Assistant – The Rev. Laurin McArthur
Ushers – Carol Blakeslee-Collin & Naj Wikoff
Flowers – Ingrid Carman
Coffee Hour – Pam Gothner & Kate Gorman
Music Director – Liz Jaques
Accompanist – Lynn DeWalt
Zoom Administrators – Jimm Collin & Fritz Sabbow
Child Care – Henrietta Jordan
Bulletin Formation – Liz Jaques
Procurement of Ushers/Worship Assistants – Merle Tanis

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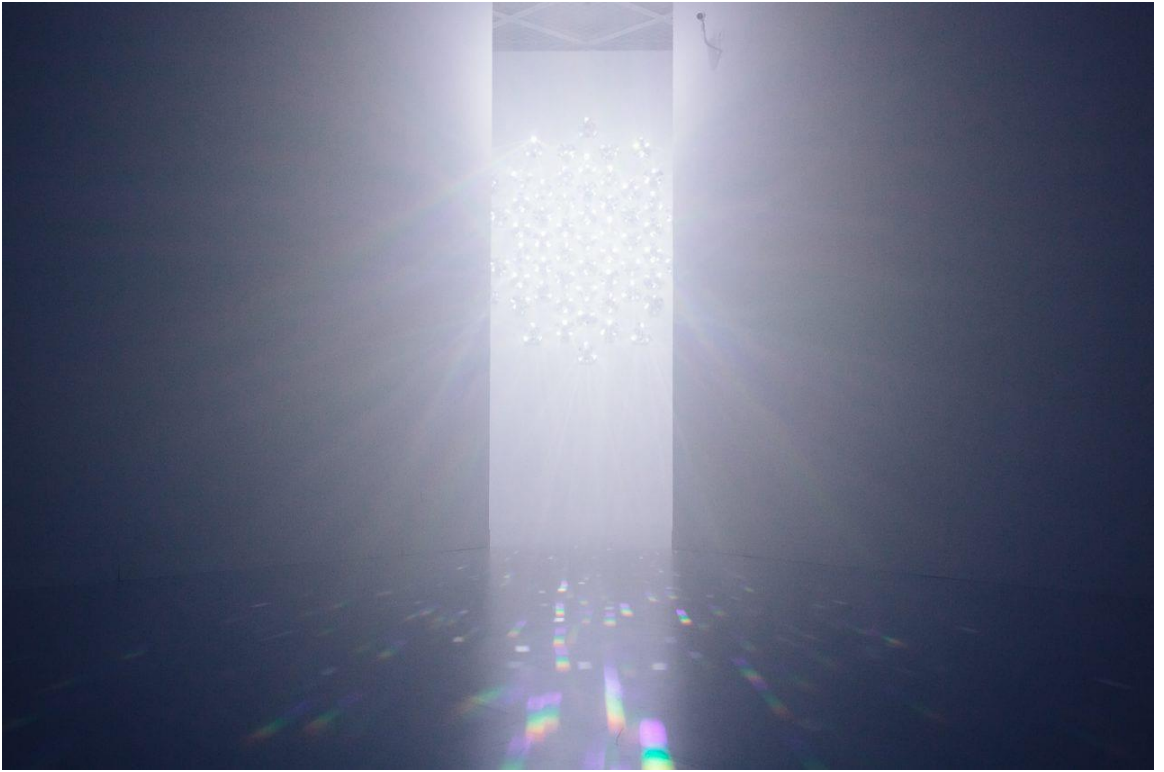
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This Week @ KVCC

Day	Time	Activity
Sunday	7:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Worship - In-person and via Zoom M & SA Committee Peacemakers
Monday	7:00 AM -----	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday	7:00 AM 8:00-Noon 9:00 AM 1:00-3:00 PM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Liz in Office Book Discussion – Via Zoom Pastor John in Office
Wednesday	7:00 AM 4:30 PM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Choir
Thursday	7:00 AM 10:30 AM 1:00-3:00 PM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Neighborhood House - In person Pastor John in Office
Friday	7:00 AM 8:00-Noon 9:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Liz in Office Prayer Group
Saturday	7:00 AM ----- 9:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Pastor's Day Off Faith & Issues - via Zoom
Sunday	7:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Worship - In person and via Zoom AFRI Informational Meeting



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