



Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord
January 10th, 2021

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude *Christ our Lord to Jordan came* J. S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 136

Opening Hymn **Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies** RATISBON

Prayer of Confession Dorothy Piatt

Congregational Response CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Congregational Response TALLIS' CANON

Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor to God's name.

Passing of the Peace

God's Word to Us

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| Solo | <i>Christ is the World's True Light</i> | Walter Stanton |
| Gospel | Mark 1:4-11 | |
| Old Testament Reading | Genesis 1:1-5 | |
| Sermon | A Light in a Dark Tunnel | Ken Henry |

Sending Us Out

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| Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer | | Lynne Clements |
| Charge and Benediction | | |
| Postlude | <i>Christ our Lord to Jordan came</i> | J. S. Bach |

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1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - panied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Right-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
 joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL Before the Beginning

From eternity,
From the place beyond the highest heavens,
Where stillness is motion
And motion is stillness,
Where nothing and everything meet,
Where time and timelessness are one,
God imagined a universe
In which existence
Could only begin
By first
Creating light.

And there was
Evening
And there was
Morning.
A first day.

By Alden Solovy

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