Wesley United Methodist Church





2200 16th Avenue, Sterling, IL

January 17, 2021

ENTRANCE

"A Folk Song" by Gilbert M. Martin

INTROIT

PRELUDE

"Christ Is the World's Light"
words by Fred Pratt Green/Music Paris Antiphoner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING PRAYER

Creating God, how deeply you know us. In the mystery of your love, you see who we are and who we might become. Our bodies are your creation; they are wonderfully made. Our minds reflect your handiwork. Our spirits are a gift from you. You call us by name and invite us to follow. Lead us now into the depths of your love. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

#451 vs. 1,2

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYERS

The Lord's Prayer: 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. Amen.

† RESPONSE

"Glory Be to the Father"

#70

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

HYMN "Thy Word Is a Lamp" #601 vs. 1,2

SCRIPTURE READING

"Psalm 119 select verses"

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"God is My GPS"

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Ps. 139)

God, you are the source of all goodness and life. We bring ourselves and our offering before you, knowing that all we have comes from you. We hear your call, and we answer, bringing all that we have and all that we are. Use us, our gifts, and our talents for your work of love, peace, and justice. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

<u>SENDING FORTH</u>
"Wonderful Words of Life"

#600 vs. 1.3

† BENEDICTION

Speaker: God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, call us to follow.

Congregation: We go in Jesus' name to share the good news of God's love.

Speaker: Go in peace, knowing that God loves you.

Congregation: We follow the call of love and go with God's abundant blessing.

† RECESSIONAL

"Go Forth for God"

#670 v. 1

POSTLUDE

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" by H. Ernest Nichol