

Lectionary Readings

Acts 4:32–35 More and more people are joining the community of the church and sharing their possessions.
 Psalm 133 The psalmist praises a life lived in unity.
 1 John 1:1–2:2 God is light, and those who walk in the light have fellowship with God and one another.
 John 20:19–31 Jesus appears to his disciples and convinces Thomas that he has risen.

Call to Worship

How wonderful it is to know God’s blessings.

We celebrate the gift of community, and our connection with each other.

How wonderful it is to know God’s Spirit lives among us.

We honor the connections God creates in our lives.

How wonderful it is to know that God is light and contains no darkness.

We seek to walk in the light, as God is light.

How wonderful it is to know that the God of grace meets us here.

We quiet our hearts and lift our eyes to worship the God of peace.

Hymns for the Day

	PH	EH	ELW	UMH	NCH	VU	STF	SNC	TFBF	HFTG
Hymns of Praise										
The Strife is O’er	119	208	366	306	242	159				
Now the Green Blade Rises		204	379	311	238	186				
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain	114, 115	199, 200	363	315	230	165				
Old Testament										
Behold the Goodness of Our Lord (Psalm 133)	241		649			856				
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds With High Delight Let Us Unite			367 368							
Epistle										
The Singer and the Song I Danced in the Morning	302		861	261		248 352				
Gospel										
Show Me Your Hands, Your Feet, Your Side O Sons and Daughters	116, 117	206	386, 387	317	244	170				109
We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight Great Day	399 445	209	635						164	
Christ Has Risen							2115			
Communion										
Come, Risen Lord I Come With Joy	503 507	305, 306 304	482	617	349	477				
Sending										
The Risen Christ You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen All Who Love and Serve Your City	413	570, 571	724	433		168 185				
Important Hymns from Other Sources										
We Sing Your Praise, O Christ, Herman Steumpfle, <i>Redeeming the Time</i> , GIA										
For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free, Sylvia Dunstan, <i>In Search of Hope and Grace</i> , GIA								66		

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Prayer of Confession

O God, you are light, and in you there is no darkness at all.

We call ourselves children of light, but sometimes we act otherwise: we love ourselves more than others, we manipulate others to get our own way, and then pretend to be innocent.

We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Shine your light into our dark places.

Bring the truth to our lips.

In your faithfulness, receive our confession and forgive us.

Psalm Settings

Psalm 133 Metrical

“Behold the Goodness of our Lord” PH 241

“How Good it Is to Share” TP 133

Responsorial

“How Good and How Pleasant it Is” PRCL 86

“Oh, How Good and Pleasant it Is” PP1 92

Contemporary Songs

“Alleluia” Norah Duncan IV *There Is One Among Us*

“Be Not Afraid” Jacques Berthier *Taizé: Songs for Prayer*

“You Are Holy” Per Harling *Sing! A New Creation*

“In Unity and Peace” (Psalm 133) James Chepponis GIA, G-4452

“Easteride Gospel Acclamation” Bernadette Farrell *Common Ground*

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” Jacques Berthier (Taizé) *Songs and Prayers from Taizé*

“Haleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona!” South African *Sing! A New Creation*

“The Sorrow” (“Don’t Tell Me of a Faith that Fears”) John Bell/Graham Maule *Enemy of Apathy* (Love and Anger)

“Take This Moment” John Bell/Graham Maule *Love From Below*

Global Songs

“Behold, How Good and How Pleasant” AAHH 338

“Alleluia” (Zimbabwe) NCH 766

“Halle, Halle, Halle” (Caribbean) TFWS 2026

Anthems for Larger Choirs

“Alleluia Canon” Mozart/Arr. Moore–Alfred (16345), SAB, piano, flute

“These Things Did Thomas Count as Real”

Johnson, Con (98-3901), SAB

“We Will Shine” Miller, Aug (978-0-8006-7811-1), SATB, piano

Anthems for Children’s Choirs

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!” PH 111

“That Easter Day with Joy was Bright” Arr. John Ferguson, 2-part, CGA 1016

“Together in Unity” Malcolm Williamson, 2-part, BH OCTW003

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” PH 399

Handbell Music

“Blessedness of Unity” Lee Afdahl, FM201223/FM201225, 3 oct./4–6 oct., opt. 3 or 5 oct. hand chimes, (L4+)

“We Are Marching in the Light of God” John Behnke, HP2312, 3–5 oct., opt. percussion, (L3+)

“Dona Nobis Pacem” Margaret Tucker, CBG380, 3–5 oct., opt. voices/instrument/chimes, (L2)

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon Our Hearts” Dan Edwards, LC201384L, 3 or 5 oct., (L2)

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Sondra Tucker, AU1111024, 3–5 oct., (L3)

Organ Music

“At the Lamb’s Royal Feast” Marcel Dupre, 16 *Chorales: Le Tombeau de Titelouze*, HWG (M)

“Fanfare for Organ” Ronald Arnatt, CPH (M)

“The Strife is O’er” Michael Helman, *Augsburg Organ Library*, AF (E-M)

“Prelude on Victory” Noel Rawsthorne, *Preludes on the Great Hymn Tunes of Lent, Holy Week and Easter*, Mayhew (E+), many suitable as introductions