

# **ARISE, FOR LIGHT HAS COME!**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2015**

**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.**

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**PRELUDE**

Rosi Penner Kaufman, Accompanist

**WELCOME**

Clyde Coriell, Worship Leader

**INVOCATION\*\***

L: Light of light, True God of Truth, in every age you send us people,  
to help us hear your voice, to draw us closer to you.

C: **We give you thanks for the prophets of long ago,  
and for the prophets hidden among us,  
longing to share the glory they have seen.**

L: We give thanks for the voices of children who have not yet learned to  
silence the questions that live in ancient stories.

C: **We give thanks for the voices of elders,  
whose years are filled with stories of life and love and faith.**

L: We give thanks for the voices of neighbors,  
whose stories of far-away places we hear in the light of your love.

All: **For all these people, and for all your many gifts,  
we give thanks and praise, aloud and in the silence of our hearts.**

\*HYMN #36

*God of our strength*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Peace Crane Dedication

Sallie Page-Goertz

We are here by grace.  
We are meant to love.  
We will walk with hope.  
We will live for peace.

This is our cry and our prayer, in building peace in this world.

**HYMN #7**

*Here, O Lord, your servants gather*

## SCRIPTURE

### *Those Who Wait on the Lord*

Isaiah 40:28-31

Courtney

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord, the everlasting God,

Creator of the ends of the earth, tires not nor grows faint.

God gives power and strength to the weak,

And God's understanding is unsearchable.

Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength,

They will mount up with wings as eagles;

They will run and not grow weary;

They will walk and not faint,

Those who wait on the Lord.

Though the young shall grow weary and tired,

The youth may stumble and fall,

You will mount up with wings as eagles,

You will run and not grow weary,

You will walk and not faint when you wait on the Lord.

Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.

## REFLECTIONS ON GROWING FAINT, WAITING AND RISING

Ruth Harder and M'Balia Thomas

Sung response after each reflection #584

## COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

### INTRODUCTIONS

*We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

### SHARING JOY

### SHARING CONCERNS

### PRAYING TOGETHER SJ #77

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.*

### OFFERTORY

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN (insert)

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children (K-5th grade) to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated “SJ” are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

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\*\*Today's Invocation was adapted from *Calling on God: Inclusive Christian Prayers for Three Years of Sundays*.

The light sculpture at the front of the sanctuary was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. It has served as our “festival of lights” during the church season called Epiphany. Next Sunday the Visual Arts Committee will have a different display at the front of the Sanctuary as we begin a new church season called Lent.

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now? What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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