Bellflower UMC

Sep 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

GREETINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING¹ **\(\)**

Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.

Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me. (2x)

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

PSALM

758. Psalm 27:1-6

Refrain² :

I saw the light, I saw the light,

No more darkness, no more night.

Final Refrain 🎶:

I saw the light, I saw the light,

No more darkness, no more night.

Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight

Praise the Lord, I saw the light

HYMN 🎶

I Saw The Light

Verse 1

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin I wouldn't let my dear Savior in

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² Hank Williams. Sr. I Saw the Light. © 1948. Renewed 1975 Sony/ATV Acuff Rose Music. CCLI Song # 45064. CCLI License # 21891763

Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night Praise the Lord I saw the light *Chorus*

I saw the light I saw the light No more in darkness no more in night (And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 2

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 3

I was a fool to wander and stray Straight is the gate and narrow the way Now I have traded the wrong for the right Praise the Lord I saw the light

OPENING PRAYER³

Ruler of all the earth,
Creator of the universe,
Holy Triune God,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.
Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

O God, show us your light.

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

O God, show us your light.

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

O God, show us your light.

³ Psalm 119:105; Psalm 27:1; 1 John 1:5; Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

Jesus said, "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"

O God, show us your light so that we may share your light with the world. Amen.

HYMN 🎶

585. This Little Light Of Mine

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE 🎶

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

GOSPEL

John 1:1-5

MESSAGE

Seeing the Light

Tim Manard

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CONFESSION & PARDON
GREAT THANKSGIVING
HOLY COMMUNION
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

God said "Let there be light". See the light.

Jesus is the light of the world. Receive the light. God's Holy Spirit fills you with light. Share the light.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Go in peace.

CANDLES M

Go Now In Peace



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