

Benediction

The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you.
You are the salt of the earth and you bring light to the world.

**We are not too young or too old,
we are not too rich or too needy
to bring good news to the impoverished,
to give a hand to the broken-hearted,
and to live out freedom and grace
through the gifts we have been given.**

May we be nourished in God's light, so that in a world of dimness we will be a light and blessing to all we meet. **Amen.**

Postlude



*The Light of Christ:
An Epiphany Series
Defining Jesus' Mission
and Our Mission
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Prelude

Threshold

**Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Proclaim the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.**

People of God, arise, shine, for your light has come!
The light of Christ has come into the world.
Immanuel. God with us.

We will arise and shine!

We will follow the light:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

The Spirit of the Lord is *in* us.

God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor,

**To proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free.**



to bind up
to proclaim favor
to comfort
to provide
to loosen (set free).

**May the Spirit anoint our being and our doing,
And touch all our days with grace,
As we put our faith in Christ and follow the
Light.**

**Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Proclaim the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.**

Let us pray together:

**Lord,
you bring glad tidings to the poor.
Let us hear your message.
You heal the brokenhearted.
Heal us too.
You free the prisoners from their jails.
Free us from that which binds us, even our-
selves.
Loving God,
please come to us,
and send us out, redeemed,**

to the poor, the brokenhearted the imprisoned.

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Hymn The Summons TFWS 2130

**The Light in Word
Luke 4:14-21 (NLT)**

This is the word of God for all creation.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon: A Mission to Light Our Way

Prayers and Praises

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 sins
as we forgive those who sin 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.*

Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory UMH 577