January 30, 2022

Worship Series: Known and Called

Message: Known to Stand Our Ground: Called to Justice

Prelude My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Lowell Mason June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Call to Worship

Leader: When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we cannot see God

People: we will turn on the light.

Leader: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace

People: we will turn on the light.

Leader: When our vision dims due to the darkness within

People: we will turn on the light.

Leader: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight. **People: The light of the world is Jesus Christ.**

Hymn Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies, UMH 173 Bob Shuffett

Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray

Gracious God, who created us in God's own image, we are grateful for all that You have done for us, for all that You are doing in us, and for all that You will do through us.

Open our eyes to see Your presence among us, moving in powerful ways at all times and in all places.

Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—ways that will change us and challenge us to become the people You created us to be. Grant us the power and the courage to come out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus Christ, that we may work for justice in the world and the building of Your Kingdom here on earth. AMEN

Children's Message Linda Biscardo

Hymn *Christ for the World We Sing*, UMH 568 Bob Shuffett

Prayers of the People

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

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.

Scripture Readings Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; John 9:1-12 Joana Arthur

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Hymn We Are Called, TFWS 2172 Bob Shuffett

Benediction Sarah Chambers

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude His Eye is on the Sparrow, Charles Gabriel June Shuffett