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Welcome

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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



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PRAISE SONGS *Let's Worship Majesty*
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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SERMON "CHOOSE THE LIGHT" Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING *Agnus Dei*

COMMUNION *Come to Jesus*

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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

CENTERING WORDS

Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No';
anything more than this comes from the evil one.

---Matthew 5:37

ORGAN PRELUDE *Priere a Notre Dame* Leon Boellmann

HANDBELL INTROIT *A Heavenly Hymn Ring* arr. Tammy Waldrop

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Choose light.

We will walk in the light of the Lord.

Choose love.

We will love our God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Choose life.

We will live life to the fullest in Christ's mercy and grace .

*OPENING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 577

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

We choose you, O God.

Shine your light in our choosing,

that we might see and go where you lead.

Speak your words of life,

that we might hear and follow your voice.

We seek you, O God, with all our hearts,

choosing to worship and praise you this day.

Amen.

HANDBELL ANTHEM *The Stars Declare His Glory* arr. Kevin McChesney

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Jesus Loves Me* (as children come and go)
Nursery care is available.

Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers.

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *I Have Decided* verse 1 TFWS #2129
 Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *I Have Decided* verse 1 TFWS #2129

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HYMN (remain seated) *Child of the Light* verses 1 & 2 No. 206

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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *Adagio* Louis Vierne
*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*CLOSING HYMN *Go Forth for God* No. 670

*BENEDICTION

Having chosen light, go forth in the light of God.
Having chosen love, go forth in the love of Christ Jesus.
 Having chosen life, go forth in the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth* No. 431

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
 let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
 With God our creator, children all are we.
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
 Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
 With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
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ORGAN POSTLUDE *Grand Chorus* Theodore Dubois



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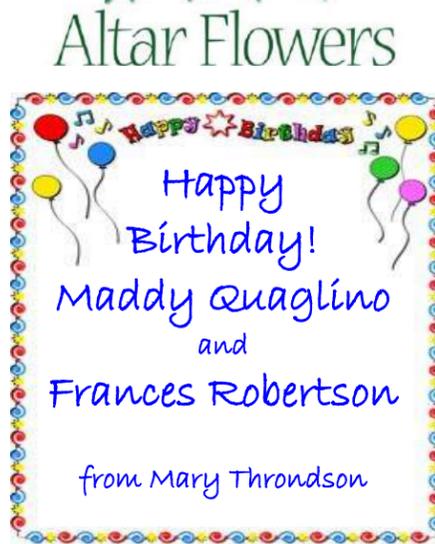
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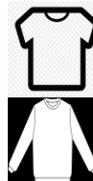
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