



*Salt pans used to maintain salt roads in Namibia*

## **Preparation for Worship**

Salt does its best work when it's poured out. When it's scattered. When it dissolves into what is around it... Salt isn't meant to cluster. It's meant to give of itself. It's meant to share its unique flavor in order to bring out the best in all that surrounds it. Which means that if we want to enliven, enhance, deepen, and preserve the world we live in, we must not hide within the walls of our churches. We must not cluster and congregate simply for our own comfort.

Debi Thomas, "Salty"

Prelude

*The Perfect Wisdom of Our God*  
Sean Cator

arr. Larson

Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the friendship register*

## We Gather in God's Name

### † Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

### † Praise Song

*Build My Life*

Praise Band

### Call to Worship

Leader: Friends, let us gather this morning in the challenge and the hope of our calling. Jesus calls us to enliven, enhance, and preserve our world.

People: We are the salt of the earth.

Leader: Jesus calls us to illumine and energize our communities.

People: We are the light of the world.

Leader: Friends, this is not only what we are called to be.

People: This is what we already are.

Leader: Let us worship God.

### † Hymn #667

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

### † Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have often failed to take seriously your confidence in us, and your call to us. You tell us we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, disciples of Jesus in this world. Sometimes, we wonder if we are really capable of illumining the world around us. Sometimes, we grow so comfortable in our little city that we forget we are up on a hill for the world to see. Sometimes, we grow tired or doubtful and want to turn inwards, away from the needs of the world. Forgive our self-doubt and lack of trust, and give us hope and integrity, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### † Assurance of Forgiveness

One Voice: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

By the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are all forgiven and called once again to new life.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God!

### † Response #582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

## We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem *Then Sings My Soul* Hine/McDonald  
Chancel Choir

Children's Message Janet Little

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 59:1-9a

† Hymn #401 *Here in this Place (verses 1, 2, and 4)*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 5:13-18

Sermon *You Are* Rev. Katie Murchison Ross

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* Praise Band

† Response #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† Prayer of Dedication Janet Little

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #767 *Together We Serve*

† Benediction

Postlude *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know* arr. Larson  
Sean Cator



The flowers are dedicated  
by Craig and Judy Crooks

*To the Glory of God*

Your greeters today were Sid Paulo and daughters  
Darlene, Jennifer, and Janet



*IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY* - We are very glad you chose to worship with us! Please sign our friendship register so that we can greet you by name and call on you if you desire. If you need help, please call on an usher for assistance.

***ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP*** - Please ask an usher for a Worship Bag. For infants through 3-year-olds, our Nursery is downstairs in Room 5.

***CHILDREN'S WORSHIP*** - Children through 3rd grade have their own worship time following the Children's Message in the sanctuary. Please pick children up following worship—K-3rd graders will be in Room 14, and younger children in Room 5.

***SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH*** - Classes for 5-year-olds through adults are offered at 9:15 a.m. from second Sunday in September to the third Sunday in May. Please check the Youth bulletin boards in the main level hallway to see the Youth schedule.

***PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!***

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