

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Pre-Service Music To a Wild Rose from Woodland Sketches MacDowell

Call to Worship adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes
God of Creation, your light shines throughout the universe.

May your light lead us to life.
Your light shines in the heart of those who hunger and thirst for you.

May your light lead us to wonder.
Your light shines in the person of Jesus, revealed as the light of the world.

May your light lead us to love.
Holy Spirit, light of God, shine in us, that we too may be light for the world.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit of Life, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

Hymn Gather Us In FWS #2236

Prayer of Confession adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes
The grace of God be with you.

And also with you.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin to God with one another.
Eternal God, your Word of grace is a light for our path. We thank you.
We recall those moments when the light of your love shone for us, and we followed on a good path. . .

We recall those times when we did not - or could not - see the light of your guidance, when we were not on a good path. . .
God, we confess our need for you, for your love, for your light. In all things, we seek to trust your grace.

Forgive our sin, heal our hearts, open our eyes to the light of your love, and help us to follow faithfully, in the name of Christ, for the sake of the healing of the world.

silence for prayer

Words of Assurance

Jesus is the light of the world.
Jesus leads us into the light of life.
In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Amen!

TO HEAR THE WORD AND REFLECT

Music Ministry I Will Pray Tom Shelton

SHARING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolytes - Harper Sam,
Sidnee Mezazem

Liturgists - Helen Curtis, William Ponder

Readers - Nigel Sun

Musicians - Children's Choir,
Chancel Choir, Julia Hanna

Ushers - Ida Cahill, Bhanu Prakash,
Bright Rajaratnam, Thomas Sandford

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

IN HONOR OF ALL THE
WOMEN OF PUMC



BY PASTOR TAYLER WITH LOVE

Children's Time Where Children Belong TFWS #2233

Scripture Reading John 8:12-20
This is the Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Jenny Smith Walz

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Hymn Shine, Jesus, Shine FWS #2173

Prayers of the People

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory Illumined by Your Light James Clemes

Hymn Doxology UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

AND SCATTERS TO BE IN THE WORLD

Hymn We Are Marching FWS #2235b
first in english, then spanish, then zulu

Benediction

Benediction Response Weave Rosemary Crow

Postlude Siyahamba arr. Marianne Kim

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for those who are without homes. Prayers for those struggling with their physical and mental health.
Prayers for our country's leaders during this tumultuous time. May they make decisions that benefit our communities as a whole.
Prayers for people in all places in war. Pray for their leaders to come to peaceful resolutions.
Prayers for the immigrants and refugees, and for all people fleeing danger in search of hope and a better life.

HAVE PRAYER CONCERNS?

For our Prayer Chain, call Yvonne Macdonald at 609-577-8369 or email her at yvonne.mac@verizon.net. Email Tyler Mathiasen at tyler@princetonumc.org when you or a family member is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral call.

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engaged in enlivening spiritually thirsty people
to joyfully respond to God's love
and grow as disciples of Christ,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIFTS FOR PASTOR TAYLER

As we announced at the Congregational Meeting on April 27, Pastor Tayler is being appointed to a new church. There will be a reception for Pastor Tayler on Sunday, June 8, following worship. Please identify gifts toward a gift as "Gift for Pastor Tayler."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Summer is coming soon, and Vacation Bible School is right around the corner - July 27-29. Use the QR Code to register or find more information!



HONORING WOMEN

If you make a donation to The Maker's Place in honor or in memory of the special woman in your life, you will support a mother in Trenton and your honoree will be acknowledged on the honor and memory wall.



NEWCOMERS GROUP

Interested in discovering more about PrincetonUMC? For the next three Sundays, meet at 11:30, by zoom or in person in the Library. Welcome!

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MAY 11, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Light of the World | Mark Jennings

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