

and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Sermon: Truth That Sets Free; Not Shuts Out
Pastor J. Adam Smith

* Hymn # 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Offering



* Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn # 748 *Go with Us, Lord*

Benediction

Postlude *You Shall Go Out With Joy!* Douglas E. Wagner

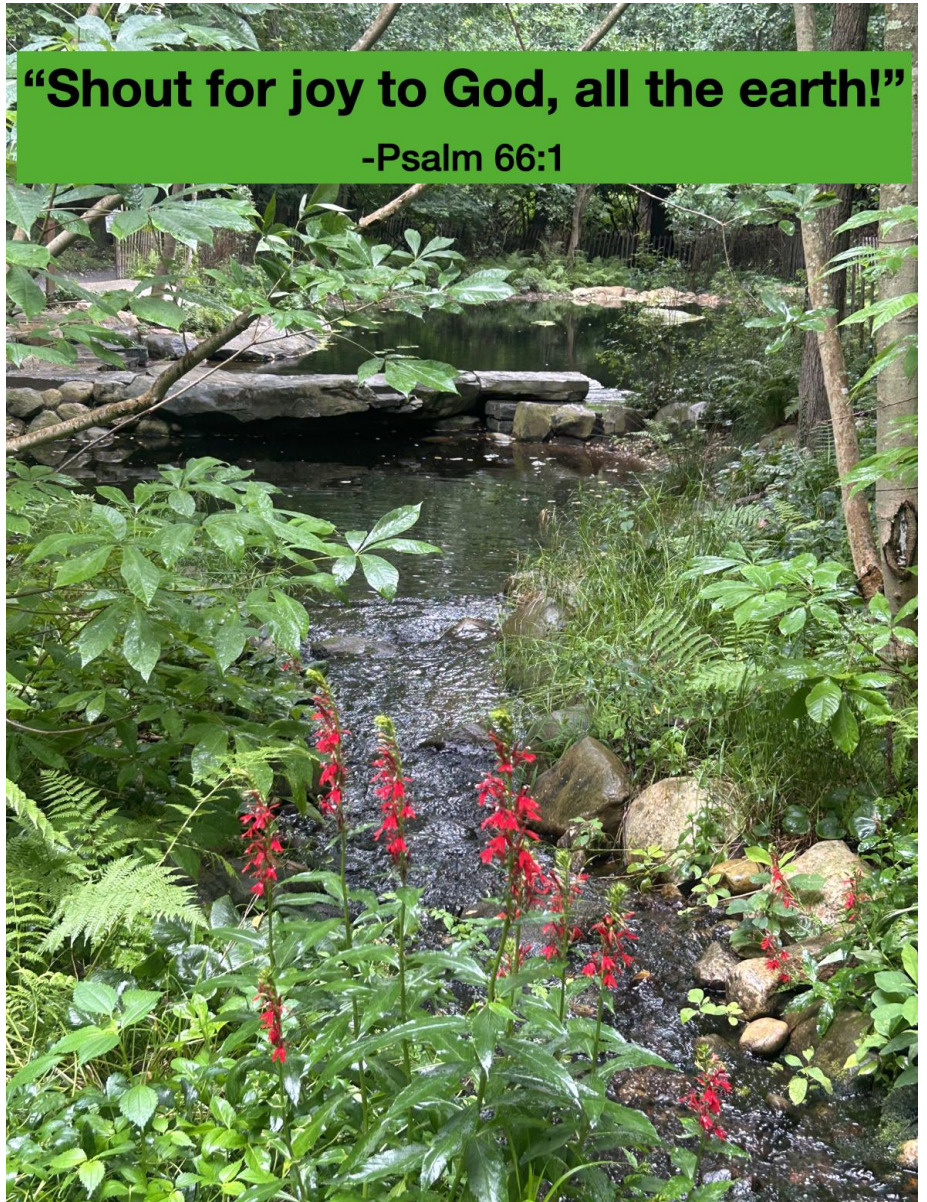
My Light and My Salvation
by Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;
the Lord is my strength and my guide.
Whom shall I fear? Why should I tremble? He is my protector.
The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;
the Lord is my strength and my guide.

One thing I ask, my sole request, and my most precious desire
would be to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
and delight in the perfection of the Lord, my God,
the holy Lord, the Almighty.

Who gives me my light, my light and salvation;
the Lord is my strength and my guide.
Whom shall I fear? Why should I tremble? He is my protector.
The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;
the Lord is my strength and my guide.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen! Amen!



**WELCOME TO FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Worship May 3, 2026
Welcome!
***Indicates Please Stand**

Prelude *Cantilena* Josef Rheinberger

Welcome, Announcements, and Invitations

Handbells Introit *As the Deer*
By Martin Nystrom, setting by
Patricia Sanders Cota

Call to Worship, from Psalm 150 – Winnie Findley, Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty heavens!

All: Praise the Lord for acts of power and surpassing greatness!

Leader: Praise God with the sounding of the trumpet, with the harp & lyre!

All: Praise the Lord with timbrel and dancing, with the strings and pipe, with the clash of resounding cymbals!

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

All: Let us worship God, together!

*** Hymn # 327** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

- Time of Reconciliation (drawn from 1st John 1:6)

Leader: God is light, and in God is no darkness at all.

All: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

Leader: But if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.

All: So let us confess our sins to God, knowing that God is faithful and just,

to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: We pause now for a moment to ask God for forgiveness, and also to prayerfully forgive others.

Moment of Silent Confession

Leader: Sisters and brothers, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ all is forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Response: Gloria Patri**

Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end, amen, amen.

Passing of the peace

Choir Anthem *My Light and My Salvation*
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Kids' Time

Scripture Readings:

Acts 7:55-60

55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

John 14:1-14

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do