Gathering

Call to Worship

*Song: “There Is a Longing”

Centering

Scripture Reading:
- Jeremiah 31:15
- 1 Samuel 2: 1-2
- 1 Samuel 2: 4-5 & 8

Proclaiming

Sermon: “Lamentation, Remembering, and Resurrection Hope”

Responding

Bringing in the Light & Ritual of Names

Prayer & Blessing of Remembrance

*Song: “Longing for Light / Christ be Our light”

*Benediction

* Please stand in body and/or spirit.
There Is a Longing

**Refrain**

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for

there to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we

only find in you, our God.

**Leader or All**

1. For justice, for freedom, for mercy:
2. For wisdom, for courage, for comfort:
3. For healing, for wholeness, for new life:
4. Lord save us, take pity, Light in our

hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief:
hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear:
hear our prayer. In sickness, in death:
darkness. We call you; we wait:

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

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The refrain that frames this sung prayer describes why we pray, and the stanzas indicate what we pray for. These requests are not for possessions but for qualities and conditions we hope for in the world around us, and they emerge from the changing circumstances of our lives.
1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for
2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for
3 Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for
4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for
5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own.

hope, many despair. Your word alone

water, many still thirst. Make us your bread,

warmth, many are cold. Make us your building,

hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants

your holy people, light for the world to see.

has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

broken for others, shared until all are fed.

sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

to one another, making your kingdom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

church gathered today.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ’s promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church’s servant calling.
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Worship
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