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Henderson United Methodist Church
First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2015 9:30 AM

GATHERING SONG "I Need Thee Every Hour" ~ Hymnal # 397
(verse 4 only)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

L: It is morning, and the light calls us forth to celebrate the new day.

P: The light shines on us, guiding our path and ordering our footsteps to the House of the Lord.

L: Come ! Let us worship God who gave us light to lead us out of the darkness.

P: Let us say with God, that it is good.

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 189 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God, who sees the deeds we do even in the darkness, hear our prayer. We stumble through our days with halting steps because we turn deliberately from the light of Your love. We are imperfect children of a perfect father, and often the light demands more than we are willing to give. The light discloses our pettiness, our anger, our jealousy, and our selfishness so we choose the darkness instead. We prefer our traditions and our misconceptions to Your truth. Rescue us, O God, from our foolhardiness. Forgive us our waywardness and teach us to welcome the light. Clear out the dark and hidden corners of our lives, we pray in the name of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.

PRAISE TIME

HYMNAL # 601 "Thy Word is a Lamp"
The Faith We Sing # 2235-a "We Are Singing"
"The Lord Is My Light" ~ see insert
"Stepping In the Light" ~ see insert

GOD'S WORD AND OUR RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S CHAT

TESTIMONY TIME (Share what God is doing in your life.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) Hymnal ~ page # 6

GOSPEL LESSON John 8: 12—30

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God !

SERMON "I AM the Light of the World" Pastor Ray

OUR PRAYER AND MEDITATION WITH GOD

SHARING OUR PRAISES AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING
OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY # 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION # 206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of
The Light"

*UNISON PRAYER

O God, You have given us the light of the world to guide our lives. We thank You that Jesus did not come to support tradition. We are comforted that He did not come to judge us for our shortcomings. Instead, we are assured that He came to light the way of a joyful, meaningful life in the here and now and the way of hope for eternal joy with God in heaven. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL # 2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (all 3 verses)
The Faith We Sing

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you leave the sanctuary, please extend signs of Friendship and Peace. Pass the blessings of Christ to each other.

*We go in the name of Jesus
who is the Light of the World !*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Dinner after worship (since last week was cancelled).

Mon, Feb. 23 at 7 PM Bible Study (Session 3) & Tues. 10 AM

Thursday. Feb. 26 at 12:30 Prayer Time at San Juan

Friday, Feb. 27 at 9 AM Food Pick up. Help needed loading & unloading.