

July 5

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Call to Worship

One: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."

Many: We come to worship the One whose light shines in every nation and every heart.

One: We gather not because we have all the answers, but because God continues to call us into lives of mercy, justice, and peace.

Many: We come to be shaped by Jesus and his teachings, so that our lives may reflect God's love.

One: God's kingdom is not confined by borders or divided by walls. It is revealed wherever neighbors are loved, strangers are welcomed, justice is sought, and peace is made.

Many: May we be salt for the earth, light for the world, and a community where God's love is made visible.

One: No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Many: We come to worship the God who welcomes us all.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving and gracious God, You are the Light of the world, and in Jesus, you have called us to reflect your light in all that we do. As we gather in worship today, quiet our minds, open our hearts, and awaken our spirits to your presence among us. Shape us into a community that shines with your love—a city on a hill where mercy is practiced, justice is pursued, peace is nurtured, and every person is welcomed as your beloved child. Remind us that our highest calling is not to build our own kingdoms, but to participate in your Kingdom here on earth, where compassion is stronger than fear, hope is greater than despair, and love knows no borders. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that our worship may honor you, our lives may reflect what , Jesus has taught us, and our light may shine before others, so that all may see your goodness and give glory to you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, our Teacher, our Savior, and the Light of the World. Amen.