

Call to Worship

We come to thank you, God, that you walk in the garden of this earth with us, teaching us of the cycles of life through your created order.

We are here because we can sense your presence, your power, and your beauty through the singing and sighing, the shining and fluttering, the rustling and roaring in creation.

Prayer of Invocation

Creator God, we had a long, cold snowy winter, yet here comes the sun and along with it the summer. You give us the light when we need it the most. Send you Spirit to brighten this time for us... Lord, Open us to all that you would have us be, for you and for others. 'Breakthrough' into our lives and our church with new possibilities. Amen.

The Scavenger Hunt for Yellow: The Stained Glass above the door in the Narthex, The bulletin, School Buses, #2 Pencils, Canaries, Gold Finches, Swallow tailed Butterflies, Baby Chicks Warblers, 2 -The Sun, Yellow Irises and other wild flowers along the bike Trail, The Dainty Buttercups Yellow Dandelions, Daffodils, Buttercups and Dandelions, Pine Tree Pollen, Sun Flowers, Bananas, Butter, Bananas, Lemons, Yellow cherry tomatoes, Mac & Cheese, Wisconsin Cheese, In a Yoke as in Yoked to God..., The Smiley Face

The Word Genesis 1: 3-5, 14-19 Common English Bible

3 God said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared. 4 God saw how good the light was. **God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God named the light Day and the darkness Night. There was evening and there was morning: the first day.**

14 God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years. 15 They will be lights in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth." **And that's what happened. 16 God made the stars and two great lights: the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. 17 God put them in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. 19 There was evening and there was morning: the fourth day.**

Living the Word 'Here Comes the Sun'

Yellow, how does it make you feel? For me...Hungry

Eating a banana from the top! The perfect Peel begins on what I always thought was the bottom. Less strings still attached...

Corn in the Bible – Joel 2:19 *The LORD responded to the people: See, I am sending you the corn, new wine, and fresh oil, and you will be fully satisfied by it; and I will no longer make you a disgrace among the nations.* The people are being rewarded for once again being faithful after failure at listening to God and God rewarded them with the best of things – Corn, new wine and oil (more to that story...)

Late Summer Sweet Corn... how many cobs can you eat in a meal? How many in a summer?, Which leads us to Butter:

Butter Eaters are Better Lovers - Dairy Farm slogan from the 1970s.

God calls us to be lovers...

Isaiah 7:13-15,21,22 *Then Isaiah said, "Listen, house of David! Isn't it enough for you to be tiresome for people that you are also tiresome before my God?"¹⁴ Therefore, the Lord will give you a sign. The young woman is pregnant and is about to give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel.¹⁵ He will eat butter and honey, and learn to reject evil and choose good.²¹ On that day, one will raise a young cow and two sheep²² and will eat butter because of the abundance of milk, for all who remain in the land will eat butter and honey.*

Immanuel – God with us, eating butter and honey...

Suppose your doctor tells you, on your next visit, that he has just discovered a miracle drug which, when eaten as a part of your daily diet or taken as a beverage, could, depending on the peculiarities of your body chemistry: prevent or cure liver diseases, such as hepatitis or jaundice; act as a tonic and gentle diuretic to purify your blood, cleanse your system, dissolve kidney stones, and otherwise improve gastro-intestinal health; assist in weight reduction; cleanse your skin and eliminate acne; improve your bowel function; prevent or lower high blood pressure; prevent or cure anemia; lower your cholesterol by as much as half; eliminate or drastically reduce acid indigestion and gas buildup by cutting the heaviness of fatty foods; prevent or cure various forms of cancer; prevent or control diabetes; and, at the same time, have no negative side effects and selectively act on only what ails you. If he gave you a prescription for this miracle medicine, would you use it regularly at first to solve whatever the problem is, and then consistently for preventative body maintenance?

All the above curative functions, and more, have been attributed to one plant known to everyone, the common dandelion. Now who might like the dandelion? It is a yellow gift from God...

All of these plants need the Sun. All point to the 'big yellow'- the sun!

We also need the sun...

Just as I shared the physical health tips to heal your physical body...we need to share with each other the Spiritual brightness to keep each other going.

Singing can do that...The song 'Here Comes the Sun' was written by George Harrison, of the Beatles - The year 1969 was a difficult one for him: he had quit the band temporarily, Harrison stated in his autobiography:

"Here Comes the Sun" was written at the time when [the record company]Apple was getting like school, where we had to go and be businessmen: 'Sign this' and 'sign that'. Anyway, it seems as if winter in England goes on forever, by the time spring comes you really deserve it. So one day I decided I was [not] going to Apple and I went over to Eric Clapton's house. The relief of not having to go see all those ... accountants was wonderful, and I walked around the garden with one of Eric's acoustic guitars and wrote "Here Comes the Sun".

Harrison wrote it to the garden and for himself, but we now can sing it to each other:

[*Beatles – Here Comes The Sun Lyrics from album: Abbey Road \(1969\)*](#)

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun,And I say it's all right

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter

Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun And I say it's all right

*Little darling, the smiles returning to their faces
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun And I say it's all right*

*Sun, sun, sun, here it comes... Sun, sun, sun, here it comes... Sun, sun, sun, here it comes...
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes... Sun, sun, sun, here it comes...*

*Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun, And I say it's all right
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun, It's all right, it's all right*

Christ is the light of the world.

We are called to give the light, the sun to others: encouragement & love;
Immanuel – God with us! Thank you God for the color yellow...