*Hymn #34 (Red): *The God of Abraham Praise*
OT Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4 *Celtic Alleluia* Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23
Sermon: *A Great Light* Rev. E.J. Emerson

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD
*Hymn #560 (Bread): *Christ, Be Our Light*
The Offering & Offertory
*Doxology (Hymn #625) & Prayer of dedication
A time of giving thanks & praise: the Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts)
* Hymn #556 (Bread): *We Are the Light of the World*
*Benediction *Choral Response
Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

At a Congregational Meeting held on January 9, 2011, Rita Hollenga and Susan Hanyen were elected to 2-year terms as Elders, ending in 2013, and Tina Giardina was elected to a 1-year term as Deacon, ending in 2012. Ordination/Installation on January 30, 2011, during Divine Worship.
The flowers gracing the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of our beloved parents, Josephine and Henry, nephew David, and dear friend, Anna M. Schroeder, by the Safay family.
Mark your calendars: Sunday 1/23/2011 at 4pm, ordination of Rev. James Steward at New Lots Reformed Church. **Saturday 1/29/2011** from 1 to 3 pm, monthly Feeding at NURC (set-up at 11am): speak to a Deacon about volunteering to help. **Sunday 1/30/2011** Ordination/Installation of Consistory at Divine Worship, followed by Coffee Hour. **Sunday 2/6/2011** Divine Worship and Scout Sunday, honoring NURC's sponsorship of Scout Troop 20 for 100+ years. **Tuesday, 2/8/2011** at 7:30pm Friends of Historic-sponsored evening with James Hayney as Abraham Lincoln. **Sundays, 2/13-3/6/2011** Bible study after Divine Worship.

"I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice."
~ Abraham Lincoln

The New Utrecht Reformed Church

23rd January 2011

Christian Discipleship Sunday & 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

We are a friendly people seeking to share Christ's love,
and we welcome you to our worship!

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We invite you to enter God's sanctuary in a spirit of silence and solitude.
Listen! Let God speak to you in the silence.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude
Introit: *Jesus Calls Us* W. Jude
Welcome

Call to Worship (derived from Psalm 27):

The LORD is our light and our salvation—whom shall we fear?.
THE LORD IS THE STRONGHOLD OF OUR LIVES—OF WHOM SHALL WE BE AFRAID?.
Though an army come against us, our hearts will not fear; though war break out against us, even then will we be confident.
ONE THING WE ASK OF YOU, LORD, AND THIS IS WHAT WE SEEK: THAT WE MAY DWELL IN YOUR HOUSE FOREVER, TO GAZE UPON YOUR GLORIOUS FACE!
In the day of trouble, you will keep us safe in your dwelling; you will hide us in your shelter and set us high upon a rock.
OUR HEARTS SAY, "YOUR FACE, O LORD, WE WILL SEEK! NEVER HIDE YOUR FACE FROM US, NEVER REJECT OR FORSAKE US, O GOD OUR SAVIOR!"
YOU ARE OUR LIGHT AND OUR SALVATION—WHOM SHALL WE FEAR?

*Opening Hymn #615 (Bread): *When In Our Music*

We pause in silence before our God.

Unison Prayer:

PRECIOUS LORD JESUS, WE ADMIT THAT WE SLIP INTO ARGUMENTS, DISAGREEMENTS AND DIVISIONS. THEN WE REMEMBER THAT THESE ARE THE WAYS OF THE WORLD, NOT YOUR WAYS, AND WE REGRET OUR SLIPS. FORGIVE US SUCH SELFISH MOMENTS, LORD, AND LEAD US AGAIN FROM THE DARKNESS INTO YOUR LIGHT. IN YOUR PRECIOUS NAME, AMEN.

Kyrie: LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US, CHRIST HAVE MERCY UPON US,
LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US.

A Word of Assurance

A Summary of the Law (Mark 12:29-31):

When Jesus was asked which is the greatest commandment, he said,
"*Shema, Yisroel, Adonai Elohenu, Adonai Echod*…" And this means:
HEAR, O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE!
YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.
And the second commandment is like it:
YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Anthem: *Take My Life and Let It Be* H. Malan

THE WORD OF GOD

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 97
**Gloria Patri* (Hymn #623)
The Greeting of Peace Announcements Children's Moment