

Hands of Praise Deaf Church

Pastor Ken Ecker • Pastor Bonnie Elliott

5236 East B Street • Tacoma, WA • 98404 • VP 253 444 9650

pastor@handsofpraise.org • www.handsofpraise.org • text 253 686 1789

- You can give an offering online on our website or mail it to our church address
- Tuesday Bible study 6:30pm on Zoom
 - To join the study email pastor@handsofpraise.org
- Ladies Bible study is on summer break. It will start again in September
- End of Summer Potluck after church August 30
- You can put your prayer requests in the offering box

August 23, 2026

Be the Light in the Dark World

John 3:16-21 God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ People who believe in God's Son are not judged guilty. Those who do not believe have already been judged guilty, because they have not believed in God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ They are judged by this fact: The Light has come into the world, but they did not want light. They wanted darkness, because they were doing evil things. ²⁰ All who do evil hate the light and will not come to the light, because it will show all the evil things they do. ²¹ But those who follow the true way come to the light, and it shows that the things they do were done through God.

Ephesians 5:8 In the past you were full of darkness, but now you are full of light in the Lord. So live like children who belong to the light.

Matthew 5:14-15 You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ And people don't hide a light under a bowl. They put it on a lampstand so the light shines for all the people in the house.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven.