

**7th Sunday After Pentecost
July 16, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Opening Songs of Praise

#192, "Shine Jesus Shine"

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Words & Music: Graham Kendrick

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#2032, "My Life Is in You, Lord," Sing the Faith Hymnal

My life is in you, Lord;
My strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord;
My strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.

I will praise you with all of my life,

I will praise you with all of my strength,
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.

Words & Music: Daniel Gardner
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"Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your Name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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***Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ**

Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[based on selected verses from Psalm 16]

Leader: You are our security, O Lord, we find refuge in You.

People: Everything that is good comes from You Lord!

Leader: You give us guidance and gladden our heart,

People: You lead us on the path of life.

Leader: In Your presence there is fullness of joy,

People: In Your kingdom there is fulfillment forever! Amen!

Leader: Let us worship our great God!

*Hymn of Adoration

#625, "How Great Thou Art," vs. 1, 3, 4

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take his home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Words: Stuart K. Hine

Music: Swedish folk melody, adapt. Stuart K. Hines

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Prayer of Confession

All: God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We sometimes get angry at the slightest insult and imagine ill will upon those who wrong us. We get lazy about sharing the Good News of

Christ and do not make growing in faith a high priority. We care for ourselves more than for others. Forgive us, Lord.

[time of silent personal confession]

All: Gracious and loving God, open our hearts to follow Jesus in all that we say and do, help us love without condition, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Romans 5:8; Colossians 1: 13-14; Romans 5:1]

Leader: Hear the Good News. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

People: He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise God.

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

Hymn of Preparation

#451, "Open My eyes, that I May See," vs. 1, 2

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of the truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine.

Words & Music: Clara H. Scott, 1895

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: 1 John 4: 7-16

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 13 We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

Sermon

“The Trickier Bits... His Only Son”

Responding to God’s Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostle’s Creed]

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Offertory Music

*Response

#606, The Doxology, “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Response**

#353, "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less," vs. 1, 2, 3

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Text: Edward Mote, c. 1834, alt.

Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863, alt
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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

#543, "O Christ, Surround Me," vs. 1, 4

God be the love to search and keep me
God be the prayer to move my voice
God be the strength to now uphold me
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me

Walking behind to hem my journey
Going ahead to light my way
And from beneath, above, and all ways
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able