

**1st Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Introit

#192, "Shine, Jesus, Shine," vs. 2, 3

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

Refrain:

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

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Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[based on Isaiah 55:2, 11-12; John 4:24]
Leader: Let us worship God,

People: For whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

Leader: God says, "Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare."

People: We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

Leader: God's Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.

People: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Leader: Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;

People: The mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.

*Hymn of Praise

#839, "Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1973
Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873
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Prayer of Confession

All: Heavenly Father, you are our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you: following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely. . . .

[Silent confession]

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Psalm 91: 14-15]

Leader: Hear the Good News. "Those who love me, I will deliver," says the Lord; "I will protect those who know my name."

People: "When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation."

Leader: Receive the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: 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

#216, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock
within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus
mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me:
and from my stricken heart with tears
two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than

the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.

Text: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephand, 1868, alt
Music: Frederick Charles Maker, 1881
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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 28: 10-22

10 Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. 11 When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. 12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. 15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

16 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." 17 He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

18 Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. 19 He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear 21 so that I return safely to my father's house, then the LORD will be my God 22 and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

Sermon

"Flashes of God's Glory... A Tall Ladder"

Responding to God's Word

Celebration of Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

(various prayers)

Communion Hymn:

#2266, "Here is Bread, Here is Wine," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Here is bread, here is wine
Christ is with us, he is with us
Break the bread, drink the wine
Christ is with us here

Here is grace, here is peace
Christ is with us, he is with us
Know his grace, find his peace
Feast on Jesus here

Refrain:

In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here

Here we are, joined in one
Christ is with us, he is with us
We'll proclaim, till he comes
Jesus crucified

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Words of Institution

Prayer for the Spirit

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of the People

(various prayers)

Leader: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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.**

Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me," Bennie Williams Spiritual Voices

*Response

#606, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2069, "All Hail King Jesus," Sing the Faith Hymnal

All Hail King Jesus!

All Hail Emmanuel

King Of Kings

Lord Of Lords

Bright Morning Star

And throughout eternity

I'll sing Your praises

And I'll reign with You throughout eternity

Dave Moody

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able