

**2nd Sunday of Epiphany
March 13, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Introit

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

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

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

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

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Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21]

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

People: Through us and through our worship may we announce the Good News to all.

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

People: Praise God! Because of him, we are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

***Hymn of Praise**

#81, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
God, whose Word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for a blessed abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear,
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near;
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst t' assuage?
Grace so like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Text: John Newton, 1775, alt.
Music: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt
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Prayer of Confession

All: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are often misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have often failed in love, not helping those hurting who are right in front of us. Too often, we have ignored your truth, deciding to just go with the flow and do what every one else is doing. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Ezekiel 36: 26; 2 Corinthians 1:20]

Leader: The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;

People: I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Leader: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."

People: This is the Good News of the Gospel: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed! Praise God!

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

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

Hymn of Preparation

#223, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See, from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

Text: Isaac Watts. 1707

Music: Lowell Mason, 1824

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Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: John 2: 1-11

2:1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

11 This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Sermon

"Flashes of God's Glory... Stone Jars"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostles Creed]

People: 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

Choral Anthem: "Old Irish Blessing," Imprint Chorus

*Response

#606, "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.

[particular prayers]

Leader: God of grace and 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

#292, "As the Wind Song"

As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,

so it is with the Spirit of God.

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2015, "Bless His Holy Name," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

He has done great things,
he has done great things,
he has done great things,
bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able