



Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice
in the warmth of God's love and light by
teaching the holy word,
servicing Christ's community, and
growing together in faith.



May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Service for the Lord's Day

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9:30 am

Prelude

Grand Choeur in C
My Spirit's Gonna Shine
Memorial Ringers

Charles-Alexis Chauvet
Dan Edwards

Call to Worship

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

All: We delight in God's Word; we meditate on God - day and night.

One: Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.

All: God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.

*Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 14

Prayer of Confession

Savior God, we invited you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews.

All: Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

One: We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glorify be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Pass a Hug – *for mental health month* (Please ask permission first from those you approach.)

Anthem

Thanks Be to God

Michael Bedford

Thanks be to God for all good gifts. Thanks be to God for creation. Thank you for homes, thank you for food, thank you for loved ones who care. Thank you for church, thank you for school, thank you for love that we share. Help us to love, help us to give, help us to sing your praise. Help us to work, help us to live, serving you all our days.

Melody Singers and Melody Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Choir Recognition Sunday

Jay Smith and Margaret Sheneman

Time with Children

*Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.
After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.*

Prayer for Illumination J. Jay Smith

Old Testament Reading Psalm 1:1–6 (page 424)

Anthem *Canon of Grace* Linda Lamb
Joyful Ringers

Gospel Reading John 17:6–19 (page 879)

Sermon *Source of Life* Rev. Amy Lincoln

***Affirmation of Faith**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, siblings of every race and people, to live as one community; but we rebel against God, we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation; yet, God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw
With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.
Chancel Choir

***Doxology** No. 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

O God, maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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; and 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** *To God Be the Glory* No. 634

***Charge and Benediction**

Response *Benediction* Eric Houghton
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Gilbert Martin
Kathy Finnerty, piano

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