



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Fantasiestücke Op 73 3. Veloce e con fuoco

Robert Schumann

Marta Lambert, viola

Derek Wang, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 5:14

Jim Bryant, liturgist

One: You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

All: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

HYMN

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 us; shine on us.

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, we come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on us; shine on us. (refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us – we have not lived for you.

You have forgiven us – we have not forgiven others.

You have loved us – we do not love others, particularly those we deem “stranger.”

We have not allowed our light to shine so that others may come to know you through us. We have not acknowledged how your light might be shining through other people. We are motivated by our selfish desires and agendas and have not sought the common good. We want the freedom to worship but we do not extend that same freedom to those who would worship differently. Open our minds, soften our hearts, and strengthen our resolve to follow where you would lead us.

Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all.

Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

RESPONSE TO GOD’S FORGIVENESS

We’ve Come This Far by Faith
Peggy Vaughan, Soprano

Albert A. Goodson

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14: 19-31

SERMON

“Journey to Freedom: Faith and Freedom”

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Well-Tempered Clavier Book 1, Prelude No 2 in C minor (BWV 847)

J.S. Bach

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR 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

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

The words to this hymn were written by St. John of Damascus. Being of Arab descent, he became a monk in the Catholic Church in the 7th century. In this hymn he compares the Crossing of the Red Sea – God’s saving act – with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If God can save the Israelites from death, as well as raise Jesus from the grave, then surely, our God will continue to save us from “the gates of death.”

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness, loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters; led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

‘Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst his prison, and from three days’ sleep in death as a sun has risen. All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb’s dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal: but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Lord

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**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

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