

Life Lessons from Mister Rogers



Calvary Presbyterian Church

Summer 2022

Online Worship Resource (Sunday, August 28, 2022)

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FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God in celebration of granddaughter Grace's 20th birthday by Danny and Pam Williams.

Prelude: **What a Friend We Have in Jesus** Charles Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Ray Klopotek, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

God's greatness is unsearchable. God's faithfulness is forever.

Generations of saints will tell each other;

God has done mighty wonders!

God's name is proclaimed among the nations!

Let us celebrate God's abundant goodness.

We will shout and sing of God's righteousness.

We will worship!

OPENING 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 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 (REFRAIN)

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 (REFRAIN)

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

Whatever good we have done is nothing compared to the righteousness of Christ. Whatever wrong we have done is nothing compared to the mercy of God. With faith in Christ's righteousness and confidence in God's mercy, let us name our sins together in our prayer of confession. . .

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. Lacking imagination, we have been self-righteous in our attitudes and close-minded in our beliefs. Refusing to listen to others, we have been judgmental in our opinions and dismissive of those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Strengthen us with holy curiosity, that we may be charitable towards others and dwell in peace with you and your creation.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith.

Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE: "Doxology"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you all,
And also with you.

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the Prayer for Illumination:

God of all wisdom, grant us a Holy Curiosity as we hear your Word. May your Spirit open our hearts and minds to the new insights you have for us. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 18:15

(Liturgist)

¹⁵ An intelligent mind acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

Philippians 3:1-7. 12-14

(Pastor)

¹ Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord.

To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a safeguard.

² Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh! ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Life Lessons from Mister Rogers:

Stay Curious

Rev. Michelle Fincher

Special Music:

"Arise"

Words and music by Judy Viccellio

HYMN AFTER SERMON: "Fight the Good Fight"

Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be, thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up thine eyes, and see Christ's face.

Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. God changeth not, and thou art dear.

Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Invitation to the offering

(Liturgist)

Without Christ, all that we have is nothing. With Christ, all that we have is everything. Let us offer all that we are and all that we have to the Lord through our gifts. Thank you for making possible the ministry of this body of believers. Please pray with me our prayer of dedication. . .

Prayer of Dedication

For your many gifts and above all, for the gift of knowing Christ our Savior, we give thanks, gracious God. Strengthen us with holy curiosity as we continue to strive for the heavenly prize you offer, for we love you and want to live as your followers. 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.

CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to him belong; They are weak, but he is strong.

REFRAIN: Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me this I know, as he loved so long ago.

Taking children on his knee, saying "Let them come to me." (Refrain)

Jesus loves me still today, Walking with me on my way,

Wanting as a friend to give, Light and life to all who live. (Refrain)

REFRAIN IN GHANIAN:

Yiw, Yesu do me

Yiw, Yesu do me,

Yiw, Yesu do me,

Sem kye-re me saa!

Benediction

Postlude:

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, Director of Music,

David Maley, pianist, Ray Klopotek, liturgist, and

Whitney Roberts, technology team