



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, April 30, 2023)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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*Flowers given to the glory of God by the congregation of Calvary Presbyterian Church
in honor of Reverend Michelle Fincher.*

Prelude

Largo

Edward Elgar

Isaiah 41:10

“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”
Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Andy Clay, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:

I looked and heard the voice of the angels, thousands and thousands around God’s throne, singing:

**Worthy is the lamb who was slain
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!**

Then I heard every creature on earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, singing:

**To the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

Hymn #192

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)

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)

Grateful that our Good Shepherd knows our needs before we even ask, let us name our brokenness before God, that we may find healing and hope for our souls. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession

Lamb of God, the light of your glory exposes all the ways in which we do not live up to your call to follow you. We see the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, that we may follow you more faithfully, telling the good news of what you have done in our lives along the way.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus meets us where we are, inviting us to leave our past ways of sin behind to embrace the new life he offers.

The mercy of Christ restores and renews us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response: #2226 Bind Us Together

REFRAIN: Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King; There is only one body, that is why we sing. (REFRAIN)

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:

Living God, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us now with your Word and fill us with your Spirit, that we may follow you this day and always. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Revelation 5:11-14 NT p. 248 (Liturgist)

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

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

Sermon

This I Know

Rev. Michelle Fincher

Hymn #177

You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice, Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me.

REFRAIN:

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.

All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. (REFRAIN)

I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I am the peace the world cannot give.

I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!!

REFRAIN

Call to Offering

(Liturgist)

Jesus calls us to love one another because he first loved us. Let us show and share his love through the offering of our lives. Gifts may be placed in the offering plates located in the front and back of the sanctuary or made online. Please pray with me our prayer of dedication

Prayer of Dedication

Worthy are you, O God, to receive our worship, our praise, and the gift of ourselves. Use us—and our offerings—to love the world for which you laid down your life. 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.

Celebration and Honoring of Rev. Michelle Fincher's Ministry

Hymn #69

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

REFRAIN

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

Benediction

Postlude

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, Director of Music; Rachel Jelsma, Trumpet; Jeremy Rissi, Cello; Sue Munson, Piano; Andy Clay, liturgist and Gabriel Frempong, technology team