



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, July 11, 2021)
BOLD TYPE IS SPOKEN BY THE CONGREGATION

Prelude: THE GIFT of LOVE Arr. Hal Hopson
*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
*Come, Spirit come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.*

Welcome and Announcements

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

The great ends of the church are:

the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of God to the world.
Together, let us live into our call to shine as Christ's church to a world in need!

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

Because of God's great mercy, God stands ready to forgive all the ways we fail to live in faithfulness. As sisters and brothers of Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.....

Confession

Trusting you does not always come easy, Lord, when we are faced each day with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, God, and renew our trust in you, for we want to be faithful followers of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ, whose mercy and grace are never ending, offers us peace for our troubled souls.

Thanks be to God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Hymnal Response: In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified, In my life Lord, be glorified today.
In our church Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In our church Lord, be glorified today.

Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Sacrament of Baptism—Alexander Gordon Jelsma

Baptismal Hymn:

Baptized in Water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

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

Spirit of the living God, seal in us your Word of truth, the gospel of salvation, so that we can faithfully follow and joyfully serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 11: 19-26

19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. 20 But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists[a] also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. 21 The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. 22 News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; 24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with[b] the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

We are the Church

Receiving New Member - Whitney Roberts

Hymn

We are the Body of Christ

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ.
One goal, one vision, to see you exalted, we are the body of Christ.
And to this we give our lives to see you glorified; (Repeat first two lines)

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Sabbatical Leave-Taking for Pastor Michelle

The Church belongs to Christ, and Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.

As a community of believers, we strive to demonstrate these gifts to the world.

The Church is to be a community of faith.

We entrust ourselves to God alone.

The Church is to be a community of hope.

We rejoice in the sure and certain knowledge that God is making a new creation of us.

The Church is to be a community of love,

where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness,

pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace.

We bless our pastor during this time of sabbatical renewal.

We recommit ourselves to be the Church in her absence, holding fast to God and one another; working for the Church's great ends; and living out our baptismal vows as brothers and sisters, bound together as the Body of Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Closing Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work....

I'm gonna pray....

