



**Carrying Your Light into Our World
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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.

~Matthew 5:16

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

All: God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

Leader: When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

All: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

All: God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

Leader: Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

All: We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN

Shine, Jesus Shine

TFWS #2173

Chorus

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

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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

OPENING PRAYER

Guide our feet, Lord. Show us the light of grace. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love. Illumine our souls with joyful delight. Shine brightly on us today, Lord, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

And so we live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that image as we make our confession before God and each other, first in silent prayer.

Silent confession

**Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer.
We know we do not always live as we ought:
We turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our true selves.
We know we dim your light within us,
With our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control
We know that you love us, that you do not abandon us,
and that again and again you call us back to you,
back to love,
back to grace,
back to your light.
Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Let us proclaim the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 27:1, 4-9 Common English Bible

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Should I fear anyone?

The Lord is a fortress protecting my life.

Should I be frightened of anything?

I have asked one thing from the Lord—

it's all I seek:

to live in the Lord's house all the days of my life,

seeing the Lord's beauty

and constantly adoring his temple.

Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling

during troubling times;

he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent;

he will set me up high, safe on a rock.

Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me,

and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent—

sacrifices with shouts of joy!

I will sing and praise the Lord.

Lord, listen to my voice when I cry out—

have mercy on me and answer me!

Come, my heart says, seek God's face.

Lord, I do seek your face!

Please don't hide it from me!

Don't push your servant aside angrily—

you have been my help!

God who saves me,

don't neglect me!

Don't leave me all alone!

MESSAGE

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PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING OFFERTORY

Shout to the Lord

TFWS #2074

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Steadfast Light of our salvation, in a world that trembles with uncertainty and teaches us to fear, you shine with unwavering hope. You call us to seek your face and trust in your presence more than in our own strength. Receive these gifts, given not out of fear but in joyful confidence that your love casts

out fear and your grace makes us bold. Use our offerings to build a world where your light leads, your justice reigns, and your people—unafraid—become living testimonies of your goodness. In the name of Christ, our rock and redeemer, we pray. Amen

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Rock of Ages

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Verse 1

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

Verse 2

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone

Verse 3

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

Verse 4

While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

BENEDICTION

God is our light, our hope, our all in all:
Blessed be God, now and forever!
Christ is our home, our life, our joy:
Blessed be God, now and forever!
Our worship concludes; our service continues.
Blessed be God, now and forever!

POSTLUDE

“Making the House Ready for the Lord.” By Mary Oliver

“Dear Lord,
I have swept and I have washed
but still nothing is as shining as it should be for you.
Under the sink, for example,
is an uproar of mice—it is the season of their many children.
What shall I do?
And under the eaves and through the walls the squirrels
have gnawed their ragged entrances—but it is the season when they need
shelter,
so what shall I do?
And the raccoon limps into the kitchen
and opens the cupboard while the dog snores,
the cat hugs the pillow;
what shall I do?
Beautiful is the snow falling in the yard
and the fox who is staring boldly up the path, to the door.
And still I believe you will come, Lord:
you will, when I speak to the fox, the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-
goose, know that really I am speaking to you whenever I say,
as I do all morning and afternoon:
Come in, Come in.”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS January - February 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 26th – February 1st

Monday January 26th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday January 27th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday January 28th

Bible Study @ 12pm in the fellowship hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday January 29th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Sunday February 1st

Worship with Holy Communion @ 10am

 **The First Friday Fellowship** 
group will meet at noon on Friday, February 6.
We will be focusing on LOVE- of ourselves, by journaling,
and of others, by writing valentines to our friends and neighbors.
If you are aware of someone that would appreciate receiving a
valentine, please let Anita know.
 Please bring a package or two of valentines to the meeting,
along with your lunch and beverage. 
Dessert will be provided by Ginny Perazzone.

Christian Outreach Project (COP)

For one week each summer, **COP** sends groups to houses in local communities to provide repairs to homeowners who are unable to handle the projects themselves. This year's service week is June 28-July 4. [Register here.](#)



Spring 2026 Basic and Certified Lay Servant Classes

This spring we are offering a Basic Lay Servant Class (beginning Mar. 2) and a Certified Lay Servant class in Leading Worship (beginning Feb. 9).

Both classes will be offered over Zoom.

Get more info and register [here!](#)

Please contact [Megan McKay](#) with any questions.

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