

Shine Forth! Be The Light!

Sunday, February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Welcoming

Mission & Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,
to Jesus be true,
May God's gracious blessings
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William Runyan, arr. by Larry Shackley

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn **God of the Sparrow** (Voices United 229)

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- 1 God of the sparrow God of the whale
 God of the swirling stars
 How does the creature say Awe
 How does the creature say Praise
- 2 God of the earthquake God of the storm
 God of the trumpet blast
 How does the creature cry Woe
 How does the creature cry Save
- 3 God of the rainbow God of the cross
 God of the empty grave
 How does the creature say Grace
 How does the creature say Thanks

- 4 God of the hungry God of the sick
 God of the prodigal
 How does the creature say Care
 How does the creature say Life
- 5 God of the neighbour God of the foe
 God of the pruning hook
 How does the creature say Love
 How does the creature say Peace
- 6 God of the ages God near at hand
 God of the loving heart
 How do your children say Joy
 How do your children say Home

Morning Prayer

Anthem

Count Your Blessings

Hojun Lee

A Time to Wonder (Fruits of the Spirit)

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Reflection "Soaring High"

Hymn of the Day **Psalm 91, On Eagle's Wings**

(Voices United 808, vs. 1, 2 & 4)

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Refrain

'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of our God,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my Rock in whom I trust.' *Refrain*
- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under God's wings your refuge,
God's faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*
- 4 For to God's angels is given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

'And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand.'

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response **We Praise You, O God** (Voices United 218, v. 1)

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We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn

When We Seek Language (More Voices 49)

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- 1 When we seek language to praise you, O God,
all we can utter seems stale, tame or odd.
Tongue-tied and word-lost, we struggle to find
phrases that slight neither heart, soul, nor mind:
Infinite intimate unbounded friend,
cosmic companion who loves without end,
nearer than heartbeat, more subtle than breath,
keener than insight, and stronger than death.
- 2 Steadfastly loving, you gave us your Word,
living among us on earth, seen and heard,
teacher and healer whose promise came true,
dying and rising to make all things new:
Infinite intimate unbounded friend,
cosmic companion who loves without end,
nearer than heartbeat, more subtle than breath,
keener than insight, and stronger than death.
- 3 To be our guardian, supporter, and guide,
you sent your Spirit to stay by our side,
source of community, wellspring of prayer,
power to strengthen, and courage to dare:
Infinite intimate unbounded friend,
cosmic companion who loves without end,
nearer than heartbeat, more subtle than breath,
keener than insight, and stronger than death.

Benediction

Postlude

Little Prelude in G minor

J. S. Bach

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Greeters – John and Pat MacLeod
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Joanne Thomas
Spirit Kids – Joanne Thomas and Kylie Collis
Scripture Reading – Clare Walker
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Peggy Dayton
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Rob Glenn
Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queens of Caffeine
Flowers for the service are offered by Jennifer Hastings
in celebration of the life of her husband, Harland.