

Shine Forth! Be The Light!

Sunday, January 14, 2024
Second Sunday After Epiphany

Welcoming & Announcements

Centring Music This Little Light of Mine
Trad. Spiritual, arranged by Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Christ Candle

In the midst of shadows and despair,
that existed before the world was born,

God said: “Let there be light.”

In the trials and temptations of everyday life,
we seek assurances that we are not alone,

God said: “Let there be light.”

In the journey to the future, inspired by the past,
we live with anticipation that,

God will say: “Let there be light.”

Opening Hymn **Take My Life and Let It Be**
(Voices United 506)

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1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use every power
as thou shalt choose.

4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Morning Prayer

Anthem Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door

Scott Atwood

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Readings
1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Reflection “Hearing Voices”

Hymn of the Day **Hush! Hush! (More Voices 167)**

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Hush! Hush! Somebody's callin' mah name.
Hush! Hush! Somebody's callin' mah name.
Hush! Hush! Somebody's callin' mah name.
Oh mah Lawd, oh mah Lawd, what shall I do?

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 **It Only Takes a Spark** (Pass It On)
Voices United 289

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- 1 It only takes a spark
to get a fire going,
and soon all those around
can warm up in its glowing:
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.

- 2 What a wondrous time is spring
when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.

- 3 I wish for you, my friend,
this happiness that I've found -
on God you can depend,
it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top;
I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Benediction

Postlude Toccata

Robert W. Thygerson

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Greeters – Deanna Bertelsen and Blyth Hughes
Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis
Morning Prayer – Willa Burke
Scripture Reading – Guy Lokhorst
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Peggy Dayton
Technical Support – Jiemei Li and Ron Norman
Fellowship Time – 2nd Sunday Brew Crew
Flowers for the service are offered by Frank Gertsma,
in celebration of the life of his wife, Jackie.