

Macalester Plymouth

UNITED CHURCH

February 5, 2023

10 am

Prelude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Michael Burkhardt, arr.
Cathleen Harris, organ (b. 1957)

The prelude is a time for quiet reflection.

Introit

Arise, Your Light Is Come William Walter
Chancel Choir (1825-1893)

Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God
Which shines on you today!

Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

Call to Worship

Rev. Cynthia Riggan

One: May our love be like salt that makes life tasty and meaningful.

All: May our embodied living be a light to those who live in darkness.

One: May our church be a light that bears witness to the truth,
that God lives and works among God's people.

All: Thanks be to God! May our very act of worship make it so! Amen.

*Hymn

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People see back of bulletin
Please join us in singing with your mask on.

Welcome and Prayer of Assurance of God's Love

*Response

Sing to the Glory



***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-20

One: May these words be to us our light and our life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

***Hymn**

For Everyone Born

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Racial Justice Testimony

Sherryl Livingston and Margo Dickinson

Antiracism Litany

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Offertory

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson, arr.

Chancel Choir ▪ Cathleen Harris, piano

(b. 1933)

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 giv'n by love with in,
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. Amen.

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Communion

Our table welcomes all people, whether in-person or online. Leaders will be using bread and juice for communion, and you are invited to use any food or drink you wish at home.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Creator, 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Music

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

Chancel Choir ▪ Cathleen Harris, organ

(b. 1958)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For you are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life, and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

Prayer after Communion

Bountiful God, we give thanks for reconnecting us at this table to one another and to you. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another; grant us patience and wisdom; and send us forth into the world with courage to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn

This Little Light

see back of bulletin

*Benediction

*Response

May God's Blessing Shine Upon Us

Curt Oliver
(1943-2018)



Postlude

This Little Light of Mine


Mark Hayes, arr.
(b. 1953)

Cathleen Harris, organ

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Notes About Our Service

* Please stand as you are able.

 Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop for enhanced sound for those whose hearing aids are equipped with a t-coil.

Our service today is being live streamed on YouTube. We occasionally scan the congregation during the broadcast. If you do not wish to appear online, we invite you to sit in the south transept or in the balcony. You will not be in view of the cameras there.

We affirm many words and images to talk about God. Feel free to change the words as you speak or sing to those you prefer.

Antiracism Litany

by the MPUC Racial Justice Stewards

We are called:

To show up and speak the truth of our experience and listen to the experience of others.

To welcome the joy and discomfort that comes with learning and growth.

To embrace antiracist actions, not just ideas.

To use our privilege and resources to further this work in our community.

To allow the Spirit to clarify our understanding and give us strength to stand with others for racial justice.

We acknowledge:

That all people have the capacity to be both racist and antiracist, and that it takes reflection and hard work to live into antiracism.

That a culture of white supremacy has harmed us individually, our church, community, country, and the world.

That this work is both interpersonal and structural; both individual and collective.

That Jesus models a prophetic and honest power analysis, through which we are moved to embrace a more just relationship with power.

We promise:

To center the experiences of people who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

To hold one another accountable to this work.

To embody equity through all our work as a church.

To live into God's promise and that through repentance, repair, grace and love our community might one day be whole, healed and just.

May it be so!

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison

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1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!



Share the fla-avor of life, O peo-ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
 Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
 Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!



Refrain



Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;



Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

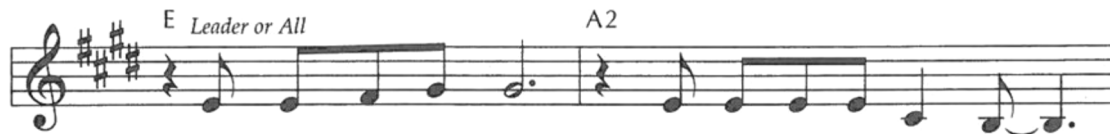


During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
 Marty Haugen, 1986

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For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

B *All* E E/G# A2 B_{sus} B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 B_{sus} B

joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

B_{sus} B E (E) *Fine* A2 E B_{sus} B

jus-tice and joy!



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This Little Light

Matt. 5:14-16

African-American spiritual

1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.

2 Ev-ery-where I go,

I am gon - na let it, let it shine,

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.

Ev-ery-where I go,

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,

Ev-ery-where I go,

Hal - le-lu - jah,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, (oh let it shine.)

The texts of these two spirituals may be used interchangeably with the tune This Joy. For an alternate version, this melody may be sung with the accompaniment of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." A more traditional setting of "This Little Light" is provided with the tune Lattimer.

Tune: THIS JOY Irr.
African-American spiritual
Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993
See also LATTIMER