

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

10 am

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

### Preservice Music

#### Prelude

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Andy Potts

~Arr. Daniel Burton

### Welcome

Vacation Bible School Sign-Ups  
Graduation Sunday

### Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Lord is present in this place.

**Let the radiance of Christ be evident among us:**

in our songs and our words;

**in our deepest thoughts and desires;**

in the youthful and the experienced,

**the exhausted and the energetic.**

We are here together.

**Let us join our voices and our hearts in praise!**

*~ Nancy Crawford Holm, posted on MinistryMatters.com. Adapted.*

### Opening Hymn

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Graham Kendrick

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#### 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

#### 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 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 (*in unison*)

Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the world. Light dispels shadows, gives life, offers hope, and reveals a path through the darkness. You have also called Your followers to be lights unto the world. Reveal Yourself to us today, and shine on us, so that our lives might radiate with Your love, hope and joy. Amen.

### Prayer Response

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

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(vv. 1, 3-4)

trans. Joseph August Seiss | arr. Richard Storrs Willis

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### Verse 1

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature  
O thou of God and man the Son  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown

### Verse 3

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight  
And all the twinkling starry host  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast

### Verse 4

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be thine

### A Message for Young Disciples

Linda Morrison

## Proclamation and Response

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### New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:14-30

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without murmuring and arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. <sup>16</sup> It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your

faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you—<sup>18</sup> and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

<sup>19</sup> I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may be cheered by news of you. <sup>20</sup> I have no one like him who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. <sup>21</sup> All of them are seeking their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> But Timothy's worth you know, how like a son with a father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. <sup>23</sup> I hope therefore to send him as soon as I see how things go with me; <sup>24</sup> and I trust in the Lord that I will also come soon.

<sup>25</sup> Still, I think it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus—my brother and co-worker and fellow soldier, your messenger and minister to my need; <sup>26</sup> for he has been longing for all of you, and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. <sup>27</sup> He was indeed so ill that he nearly died. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, so that I would not have one sorrow after another. <sup>28</sup> I am the more eager to send him, therefore, in order that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. <sup>29</sup> Welcome him then in the Lord with all joy, and honor such people, <sup>30</sup> because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for those services that you could not give me.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem**

*You Are Glorious*

Chancel Singers

Barb Rhodes, Soloist

Stone | Popham | arr. Mauldin

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**Message**

*Press On: Shining Like Stars*

Pastor Jen Eschliman

**Prayers of the People**

**Joys and Concerns**

**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.

**Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts to God**

## Offertory

## Doxology

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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the Source of all our gifts  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Offertory Prayer

## Closing Song

### *Take My Life and Let It Be*

UMH# 399

Fred Kaan | John Hughes

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### Verse 1

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee

### Verse 2

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee  
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose

### Verse 3

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  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee

## Sending Forth

## Benediction

## Postlude

### *Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan*

Andy Potts

(Whatever My God Ordains is Right) Chorale & Partita 2

~ Johann Pachelbel