

Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
9:30 am – February 5, 2023

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Miriam Arichea

WELCOME

HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

UMH 585

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1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine, all through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine,
All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Flock, Liturgist

L. God said, "Let there be light."

P. And there was light.

L. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

P. And the light shone in the darkness.

L. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

P. And the light shall not be quenched.

HYMN

O God of Light, May Our Light Shine

(sung to the tune of 'Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak' UMH 463)

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O God of light, may our light shine in ways that serve and honor you.
May we be loving, just and kind, proclaiming Christ in all we do.

God, where your people are oppressed and where they cry out in despair,
Make us your light — to heal, to bless — a witness, Lord, that you are there.

Christ, when your way is pushed aside by those who trust in wealth and might,
Make us your lamps that we may guide a searching world to your love's light.

O Spirit, in this world of doubt. we often sin and drift away;
When our own faith is flickering out, shine on our path and light our way.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL OFFERING*You Are the Light*

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Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson—Director; Miriam Arichea—Accompanist

SCRIPTURE*Matthew 5: 13-20 (CEB)*

Karen Flock, liturgist

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.****MESSAGE**

Pastor Matt McPhee

MUSICAL RESPONSE*Open Your Eyes*

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Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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With glad and generous hearts, we praise you this day, O God. You bring light into the dark places and invite us to the banquet of sustenance. We give you thanks for your grace and love. We thank you that you call us beyond ourselves to walk with one another, to share with others, and to live a life of generosity. Help us love one another as you love us. We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

HYMN*Gather Us In*

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1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, lightyears away,
But here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Compassionate One, shine your compassion on us, that we may shine with compassion for others. Shine into the shadowy depths of our souls, that we may sense your light shining in our lives. Transform us into vessels of light, that we might be lamps shining on a hill with compassion and kindness, justice and mercy. Loosen the bonds of self-doubt and exhaustion within us, that we might help others find their way and live their purpose in the world. In your light and love, we pray. Amen.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rejoice, sisters and brothers, our light shall rise in the darkness and we shall shine for all to see!

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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**
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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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Miriam Arichea

Prayer Requests

Pacoima First UMC—Pastor Lydia Waters

Ojai UMC—Pastor Jaime Nieves

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

You Are the Light

You are the light, you are the light of all the earth.

A city set upon the hill that never can be hid.

Let your light shine, shine on everyone,

That they may see your good works.

And glorify the Father who is in heaven.

You are the light of all the earth.