



*Sunday Worship
February 7, 2021
Scout Sunday
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.

Scouts: Come and give thanks!

Leader: God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas.

Scouts: Come and give thanks!

Leader: God calls forth plants from the soil and forms animals in infinite variety.

Scouts: Come and give thanks!

Leader: God breathes upon us and fills us with life.

Scouts: Come lift your voices in praise!

Leader: God gives our lives meaning through laughter and tears.

Scouts: Come lift your voices in praise!

Leader: God touches our hearts through family and friends.

Scouts: Come lift your voices in praise!

Leader: God loves us and blesses us with everything good.

Scouts: Come and worship!

Leader: God loves us and overwhelms us with never-ending generosity.

Scouts: Come and worship!

Leader: God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance!

Scouts: Come and worship!

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and all loving God, you call to us across deep waters and dark places. Yours is the light which guides us and the voice which we follow. We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you. May those without hope be encouraged; those who are sad, cheered; those who are seeking, find you; and may all things be according to your will. In the name of your beloved Son we pray. Amen.

HYMN #611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,

opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving ever blessing, ever blest; wellspring of the joy of living ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine. Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION The Scout Law (We are not all Boy Scouts, but the Scout Law is taken from the commands that are given to us by God.)

LEADER: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (Psalm 25:10)

ALL: On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout/God's Law—and the Law is this: A Scout/follower of Jesus is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

LEADER:

And Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

ALL: On my honor I will do my best to help other people at other times.

LEADER:

Remember also the Golden Text: And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31)

Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. (I Corinthians 3:16-17)

ALL: On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

LEADER:

Wisdom is the principal thing: Do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Get wisdom; get insight. (Proverbs 4:5)

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. (Psalm 119:9)

ALL: On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself morally straight.

LEADER: Let the wicked forsake their ways, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he freely pardon. (Isaiah 55:7)

Let us confess how we have failed to live up to God's Law found in the Scout Law and pray for God's help.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Let us pray for Scouts, for Scouters, and for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: Because we have failed in the trust others placed in us, we pray for forgiveness and for renewal to be trustworthy. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: For strength to be loyal to our calling in baptism as his disciples in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: For forgiveness when we saw the need to help and passed that need by, when we failed to ask if we could be helpful to a friend or a stranger. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: For the spirit to be friendly to all people and even to those who are unfriendly to us. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: For the gift of courtesy to all people but especially to the elderly, the disabled, and little children. Lord in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: For a heart that rejoices in being kind to people, to animals, and to earth on which we live. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: For the will to discipline ourselves to be obedient to the will of our God, and not to our selfish desires. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: For a cheerful spirit to see us through disappointing events in our lives, for a faith that believes God will bring some good even from events that cause us pain and sadness. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: For an appreciation that all that we have is the gift of our gracious God, for a mind and a heart that will be thrifty in managing the resources God has entrusted to our care. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: For the courage not to be afraid of doing what is right and to be brave in working for justice. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: For the will to work to keep clean our minds, our hearts, and our land. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: For the gift of reverence for God who values all that He has created; for reverence for people, for animal life, for the earth and all its resources—all precious in God's sight. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 112:1-9

Shout praises to the Lord! The Lord blesses everyone who worships him and gladly obeys his teachings.

2 Their descendants will have great power in the land, because the Lord blesses all who do right.

3 They will get rich and prosper and will always be remembered for their fairness.

4 They will be so kind and merciful and good that they will be a light in the dark for others who do the right thing.

5 Life will go well for those who freely lend and are honest in business.

6 They won't ever be troubled, and the kind things they do will never be forgotten.

7 Bad news won't bother them; they have decided to trust the Lord.

8 They are dependable and not afraid, and they will live to see their enemies defeated.

9 They will always be remembered and greatly praised, because they were kind and freely gave to the poor.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN #753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 5:13-20

¹³“Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. ¹⁴⁻¹⁶“Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

SERMON Let Your Light Shine

RECOGNITION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Your importance in our lives, O God, is reflected in our gifts. We return to you, through the ministry and outreach of this church, a portion of all that you have entrusted to us. We promise that these offerings will not be the end of our giving. We will also invest our time and abilities in your work of healing, comforting, teaching, guiding, and proclaiming good news. Bless each gift, whatever its size, and multiply the good to be done through our talents and treasure. Amen.

SCOUT BLESSING

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

HYMN This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3Xs)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. (3Xs)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3. Won't let anybody blow it out, no, I'm gonna let it shine. (3Xs)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4. Shine my light across the land, yes I'm gonna let it shine. (3Xs)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

BENEDICTION

Sunday February 7, 2021 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCOUT SUNDAY: Sunday February 7. Today we will recognize and welcome the Scouts from our own Troop 71.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY - Join us today for Sunday school class for all ages at 11:30am on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>. For one half hour our children will be hearing stories, singing songs, engaging in activities and games about God and God's teachings.

THURSDAY EVENING STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP: Join us this Thursday evening February 4, 2021 at 7pm on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/127591875> Meeting ID: 127 591 875 or by phone: 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782. The group is engaged in a study of the New Testament book Revelation. With so much happening in our world, there are those who believe the end is near and draw this conclusion from their understanding of this somewhat mysterious book. Together we explore the actual message of the book and what it means for us today. Pastor Su is leading the study.

CONFIRMATION: Will be meeting Wednesday evening at 7pm on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>

SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION: Our first Mission project kicked off the year with more than 150 containers of your homemade soup that have been delivered to Aid for Friends. For those that were able to attend our Zoom Soup collaboration, the laughter and sharing was a time we all will not forget. A big Thank You to Carol Eckmeder and Parish Life for organizing and recognizing the need in our community.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday February 17. We will join The Anchor Presbyterian Church for this annual worship service using Zoom at 7:00 PM. Please contact the church office if you would like to receive ashes.

MISSION GATHERING: Sunday February 21 – Cards for military. We will gather together at 3:00 to make cards expressing our appreciation for the service of our military personnel working through “Hugs for Soldiers.” The cards are to be upbeat and positive. Express thanks for their service, dedication, sacrifice, and/or time away from home. Sample Salutations: Dear Hero, Dear Brave One, Dear Service Member, Dear Warrior. Be creative. Draw pictures and talk about you. Keep cards and letters to a size of 8 1/2" x 11" or under for ease in shipping and distribution. You can use colorful construction paper within the paper size limit. **DO NOT USE GLITTER OR CONFETTI** or any other product that could come loose when we open the box or envelope in which you are mailing us your cards.

In our thoughts and prayers: The Conner/Lang Family, Diane Dauer, Jim and Judy Ferguson, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Nancy Yerkes, Raymond Tinari