

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPANY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012
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OUR MISSION IS:

TO LOVE, SERVE & STRENGTHEN ALL PEOPLE IN CHRIST JESUS

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+ + + RECONNECTING WITH GOD + + +

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

L = Leader

C=Congregation

*** = Please stand, as you are able**

Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here! If you are interested in joining Our Saviour's, please speak to Pastor Maurice after service or call the office during the week (715-536-5813).

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

***WE GATHER AND OFFER PRAISE**

- L** We gather in the name of the God who made us out of dust, the God who picks us up out of the dust of our lives to love us and forgive us.
- C** **We give thanks to God for knowing us through and through, for loving us, even when we were as good as dead, and for lifting us up to live for others.**
- L** God hears the cry of the needy, and does not wait for us to call before coming to our aid;
- C** **While we were still lost in our brokenness and sin, God came to us**
- L** Jesus lived among us, died our death, and rose to lead us into life. And so we come to worship, to offer God our devotion and love our thanksgiving and praise.
- C** **God is worthy! Let us praise our God.**

***OPENING SONG**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

**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**

**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**

(Chorus)

**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**

(Chorus)-sung twice

***WE CONFESS OUR SHORTCOMINGS**

- L Compassionate Christ, you have shown your love in works of healing, forgiveness, and justice, by giving yourself to us and for us, in your death and resurrection. Yet we are slow to love and to serve, we seek to have our own needs met before caring for the needs of others; We fail to give ourselves, and choose instead to preserve our safety, our comfort and our privilege.
- C **Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to live lives of compassion, following your example.**

***WE SING**

Let It Rise

CHORUS 1

**Let the glory of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the glory of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the praises of the King
 Rise among us
 Let it rise**

**Let the songs of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the songs of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the joy of the King
 Rise among us
 Let it rise**

(BRIDGE)

**Oh let it rise
 Oh let it rise**

(CHORUS 1)

Oh let it rise

(BRIDGE)

(CHORUS1)

(BRIDGE) Sung Twice

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***WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS:**

- L Jesus, in extravagant compassion, has already secured our forgiveness, and calls us to live as those who are renewed and thankful. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to you. Your sins are forgiven. God’s love still supports you. Receive this grace, and share it with others.
- C **We are so grateful; we will go and live differently because of what you, Jesus, have done for us.**

+ + + TEACHING FROM GOD’S WORD + + +

GOD SPEAKS - WE LISTEN

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 2:1–12 (The Message)

L A reading from 2nd Kings, the 2nd chapter

¹⁻² Just before God took Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on a walk out of Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here. God has sent me on an errand to Bethel."

Elisha said, "Not on your life! I'm not letting you out of my sight!" So they both went to Bethel.

³ The guild of prophets at Bethel met Elisha and said, "Did you know that GOD is going to take your master away from you today?"

"Yes," he said, "I know it. But keep it quiet."

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⁶ Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here. GOD has sent me on an errand to the Jordan."

Elisha said, "Not on your life! I'm not letting you out of my sight!" And so the two of them went their way together.

⁷ Meanwhile, fifty men from the guild of prophets gathered some distance away while the two of them stood at the Jordan.

⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up, and hit the water with it. The river divided and the two men walked through on dry land.

⁹ When they reached the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, "What can I do for you before I'm taken from you? Ask anything."

Elisha said, "Your life repeated in my life. I want to be a holy man just like you."

¹⁰ "That's a hard one!" said Elijah. "But if you're watching when I'm taken from you, you'll get what you've asked for. But only if you're watching."

¹¹⁻¹⁴ And so it happened. They were walking along and talking. Suddenly a chariot and horses of fire came between them and Elijah went up in a whirlwind to heaven. Elisha saw it all and shouted, "My father, my father! You—the chariot and cavalry of Israel!" When he could no longer see anything, he grabbed his robe and ripped it to pieces. Then he picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him, returned to the shore of the Jordan, and stood there. He took Elijah's cloak—all that was left of Elijah!—and hit the river with it, saying, "Now where is the GOD of Elijah? Where is he?"

When he struck the water, the river divided and Elisha walked through.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1–6 (The Message)

¹⁻³ The God of gods—it's God!—speaks out, shouts, "Earth!"
welcomes the sun in the east,
farewells the disappearing sun in the west.

**From the dazzle of Zion,
God blazes into view.**

Our God makes his entrance,
he's not shy in his coming.

Starbursts of fireworks precede him.

⁴⁻⁵ **He summons heaven and earth as a jury,
he's taking his people to court:**

"Round up my saints who swore
on the Bible their loyalty to me."

⁶ **The whole cosmos attests to the fairness of this court,
that here God is judge.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3–6 (The Message)

L A reading from 2nd Corinthians, the 4th chapter

³⁻⁴ If our Message is obscure to anyone, it's not because we're holding back in any way. No, it's because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention. All they have eyes for is the fashionable god of darkness. They think he can give them what they want, and that they won't have to bother believing a Truth they can't see. They're stone-blind to the dayspring brightness of the Message that shines with Christ, who gives us the best picture of God we'll ever get.

⁵⁻⁶ Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL: Mark 9:2–9 (The Message)**

L The holy gospel according to St Mark, the 9th chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁻⁴Six days later, three of them did see it. Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. His clothes shimmered, glistening white, whiter than any bleach could make them. Elijah, along with Moses, came into view, in deep conversation with Jesus.

⁵⁻⁶Peter interrupted, "Rabbi, this is a great moment! Let's build three memorials— one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah." He blurted this out without thinking, stunned as they all were by what they were seeing.

⁷Just then a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and from deep in the cloud, a voice: "This is my Son, marked by my love. Listen to him."

⁸The next minute the disciples were looking around, rubbing their eyes, seeing nothing but Jesus, only Jesus.

⁹⁻¹⁰Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. "Don't tell a soul what you saw. After the Son of Man rises from the dead, you're free to talk." They puzzled over that, wondering what on earth "rising from the dead" meant.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

WE SING

This Little Light Of Mine

**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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Maurice Schaus

MESSAGE

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+ + + WE OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER + + +

***WE SING**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Chorus

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace**

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

(Chorus)-sung twice

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

+ + + COMMUNING WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER + + +

***WE COME TO GOD'S TABLE**

L God has welcomed us to this table, and we are grateful. We celebrate all the ways that God cares for us and shows us love. It is good to be reminded of God's compassion and generosity,
C **And it is good to respond with thanksgiving, with praise, and with generous living.**

L Lord God, we are here because you have made it possible, you made us to be your children, in your image. You have always surrounded us with your presence, and in Christ you have shared all that makes us human. In bringing Jesus back from death, you have made full and everlasting life available to us, and you have given us hope in the promise of your coming kingdom.

C **We have done nothing to earn these gifts, we cannot claim to be deserving, but in your mercy, you welcome us freely. Thank you.**

L And so, we remember how God's compassion was expressed through Jesus: As he shared his last meal with his friends before his death, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it among them with these words: This is my body, broken for you. Eat and remember me. After the meal, he took the cup of wine, blessed it, and shared it among them with these words: This is my blood, poured out for you. Drink and remember me. And so we eat and drink and remember; And we will keep doing this until Jesus returns in glory. Now, O God, may we who share this bread and wine, be nourished by the body and blood of Christ. Fill us with your spirit. Bring us together into one body. And join us with you forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER—*Sung Responsively*

**THE DISTRIBUTION
DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

Sanctuary

(Sung 5 times)

**Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You**

(Sung 2 Times)

**With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You**

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+ + + WE GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING + + +

***WE GO OUT TO LIVE COMPASSIONATELY**

L Thank you, God, for this meal, and for the way it feeds our souls, changes our hearts, and unites us with you.

C **We go now to live as followers of Christ, as people of compassion, as those who seek to serve and heal the world.**

L And now may God's presence, God's love, and God's favor go with us, and remain with us always.

C **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

Indescribable

**From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming**

Chorus

**Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God**

**Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom**

(Chorus)

You are amazing God

(Chorus)

**Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
In comp'able unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God**

You are amazing God

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***DISMISSAL**

- L** Go now, with courage from our God. Declare the message of God's great love for us, in word and in deed. Let the world know that you belong to God, and that God wants to live in them too. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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RESTROOMS...are located in the hallway between the staircase and the narthex. There are changing tables in these bathrooms.

WORSHIP HELPS...include hearing assist devices and large print bulletins. Please see an usher to use them. Also, if you are not able to come forward for communion, the communion servers would be glad to come to you in your pew. Please let an usher know you would prefer this.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL for ages 3 through 103 takes place at 9:15 AM each Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHURCH OFFICE...hours are 9 AM-5 PM, Monday through Friday. You can contact us at 715-536-5813, fax us at 715-536-3658, or email us at office@oslcelca.org.

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ELCA Vision Statement

Claimed by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living Word by the power of the Holy Spirit;

Gathered by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's Word, and share Christ's supper;

Sent by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the world.

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