

July 25, 2021
Theme: The Spirit of Witness

Participants:

Message: Mark

Prayer: Mark

Liturgists: Peggy

Prelude – Slides and MP3

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Welcome- Mark

God's Call to worship – Mark

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. (Ps. 96:1-3) NIV

As we sing to God today, that is what our worship is – a declaration and witness to the love God has poured into us. Let's witness and worship loudly and joyfully today.

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!

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!

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.

OT Scripture: Isaiah 59:21- 60:3 NRSV - **Peggy**

And as for me, this is my covenant with them, says the Lord:
my spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth,
shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouths of your children, or out of the mouths
of your children's children, says the Lord, from now on and forever.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION AND FORGIVES OUR SIN

Prayer of Confession - Peggy

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God, our need for his light and rule in our lives and realize also how much we need God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession.

O Holy God, we know we have fallen short. We confess to you, living God, our failure to live as brothers and sisters, and as your children. We confess to you, loving God, that we have not loved you as you have loved us. There are times we buried your light and love underneath layers of busyness and fear of rejection. Lord, have mercy. Holy God, Lord of love: For not shouting to the world the good that you do; For not trusting the love that surrounds us; For not seizing each opportunity to witness to your light and share your love; For not believing the Good News is meant for all, Lord, have mercy. As your people, we know that a crucial part of our witness is in revealing Christ to the world through the way we love and care for one another. Forgive us. Encourage us and change us, help us and inspire us. We ask through Jesus, your Son and our Saviour.

Words of Assurance - Peggy

My friends, God is not done with us, not by a long shot. You are more beloved than you can ever know, and God is working in you and in the world beyond our imagining. The beginning of all that is forgiveness. So, know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace. Alleluia! Amen.

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

Scripture: Acts 4:5-14 - **Mark**

Message: The Spirit of Witness - **Mark**

Song of Response: Shout to the North

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Saviour to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our awesome King of love

Chorus

Verse 3

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly

Chorus plus Ending

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Prayers of the People

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

Offering

God Blesses Us - Mark

BENEDICTION SONG: Holy Spirit Living Breath of God #746 *Lift Up Your Hearts*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.