

A Light to the Nations

*And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

Isaiah 60:3



Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation

Isaiah 60:3

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and kings to the brightness of your rising.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

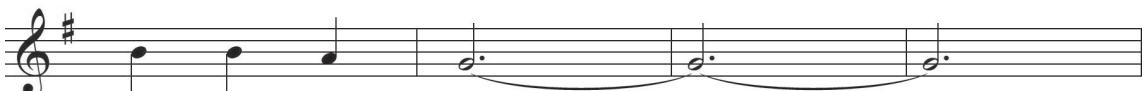
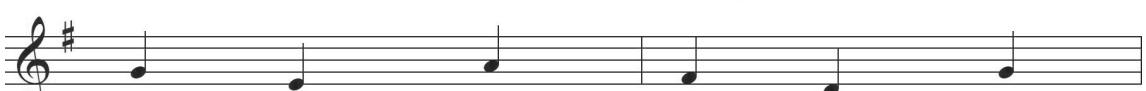
I Timothy 1:15-17

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

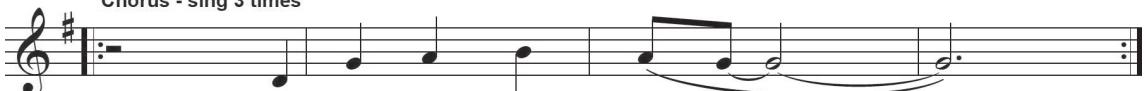
The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

* *Immortal, Invisible*

words, Walter Smith
music, traditional Welsh melody



Chorus - sing 3 times



1st time - women & girls Thy great name we praise.

2nd time - men & boys

3rd time - everyone

* Marvelous Light

Steve Hindalong

after repeat
some voices
add HARMONY

first time
all sing MELODY

Musical score for the first line of the melody. The key signature is one flat, and the time signature is common time (4/4). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: You are the Light of the world.

Musical score for the second line of the melody. The lyrics are: Je-sus is the Light. You are the Way, the Truth.

Musical score for the third line of the melody. The lyrics are: You are the Life. and the Life. You are the Light.

Musical score for the fourth line of the melody. The lyrics are: Je-sus is the Light. of the world. Lead us out of dark-

Lead us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light! *1st time repeat.*

Lead us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light!

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* Invocation

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Psalm 79:8-10a

Do not remember against us our former iniquities;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.
Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins,
for your name's sake!
Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness**Romans 10:11-13**

...the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

8:30 service *On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 5- year-olds are invited to the foyer to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.*

11:15 service *Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon.*

* ***Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*** Trinity Hymnal 481

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Romans 8:9-25

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon

A Certain Future

Emad

Missionary serving in the Middle East

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DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Graham Kendrick



Men > 1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing
 Men > 2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence
 Men > 3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness,



in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;
 from the sha - dows in - to Your ra - di - ance;
 so our fa - ces dis - play Your like - ness;



Women > Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,
 Women > by the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness,
 Women > ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth You now bring us.
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.
 mir - rored here may our lives tell Your sto - ry.



Men > Shine on me, Women > shine on me.



All > Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry,

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire;

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy,

send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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Invitation to the Lord's Table *Trays will be passed through the rows. The bread served is gluten free, and the grape juice served is pasteurized. Hold the bread or cup until all are served and we'll partake together.*

During the passing of the bread

Amazing Grace violin & piano

arr. Rich Heffler

During the passing of the cup

O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us congregation

Trinity Hymnal 341

Prayer of Thanksgiving

spoken together

**In sending Christ, the light of the world,
you revealed your glory to the nations.
You sent a star to guide seekers of wisdom to Bethlehem,
that they might worship Christ.
Your signs and witnesses in every age
lead people from every place to worship him.
We praise you that in him we become your children,
baptized into your service. Amen.**

Living out our faith

announcements about the life of the church

Prayers of the People

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.

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Offertory Psalm 116: I Love You, Lord, for You Have Delivered Me

by Jess Ray (Mission House)

The congregation is invited to sing along or to simply listen.

I love you, Lord
For you have delivered me
I love you, Lord
For you have delivered
My soul from death
My feet from stumbling
I will walk in the land of the living

I will bless you, Lord, for you heard my cry
I reached out my hand and you saved my life
I will bless you, Lord, for you heard my plea
And the God of Heaven turned his ear to me
I will bless you, Lord, for unending love
For your grace and mercy raining down from above
I will bless you, Lord, till the very end
I will call on you as long as I may live

* **Doxology**

Trinity Hymnal 731

* **Benediction**

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

* **Amen, God Will Send**

by Bruce Benedict, 2024

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics "A - men, God will" are placed below the notes. The second staff continues with the same key and time signature, with lyrics "send his Spi - rit _____ in - to the". The third staff continues with the same key and time signature, with lyrics "world to heal and mend it." The music concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

* **Postlude**

Prayer Partners are available to pray with you right now. Come to the area by the organ with anything on your heart: praise, fears, questions, thanksgiving. We'll sit down and pray together.

Worship musicians

Kelsey Pray, song leader and guitar

Ashley Grace Davies, song leader and violin

Leah Quinn, song leader

Richard Mason, song leader and guitar

Grant Mosher, guitar and bass

Susan Guerra, piano