



AND A VOICE
CAME OUT OF THE CLOUD, SAYING,

"THIS IS MY SON,
MY CHOSEN ONE;

LISTEN TO HIM!"

LUKE 9:35 ESV

February 27, 2022

St. John's United Church of Christ

As believers in Jesus Christ, we strive with unconditional love and selflessness – using our God given gifts – to provide a nurturing shelter for those seeking a Christian home. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship, prayer and Christian action throughout our community and the world.

**Called by God
Sharing with the World**

February 27, 2022

Last Sunday after Epiphany/Transfiguration

Meditation

If possible, offer this silent prayer before worship: “Dear God, here I am. I need your help. I need you.” And then, simply listen for God’s voice.

Prelude *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

Welcome and Announcements

✠ **Opening Hymn** Shine Jesus Shine

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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

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Verse 3

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

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Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

We are brought here today to glimpse the hope that Christ has for us.

Open our hearts to receive that hope.

We are brought here today to be healed of our fears.

Heal us, Lord Jesus, with your love and power.

Come, let us receive the vision and healing love of God.

Praise be to God who continues to bless and restore us. Amen.

✠ Opening Prayer

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord, you call us to draw near yet we fail to hear your voice. We sleepwalk through life, ignoring the needs of people all around us and worrying about our own desires. Forgive us: when we shut out the call to climb into your

presence; when we make excuses to put off that journey. Have mercy on us, O Lord, as we silently open our hearts and confess our sins.

Silent pause for reflection

Hear our pleas, O God, and lift us to newness of life. **Amen.**

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness *(read responsively)*

We worship a forgiving God whose mercy is never ending, whose heart abounds in steadfast love. Because of the love of Jesus Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Bible Readings *Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36* Michelle Sterner-McNutt

Children's Message

Pastor's Message

"Listen!"

✠ The Apostle's Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *(from the UCC Book of Worship)*

✠ Giving our Gifts to God

✠ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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

✠ Closing Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus*

1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

✠ **Sending Forth and Final Blessing**

✠ **Chimes/Meditation**

Postlude *Preludim in C Major - J S Bach*



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
In memory of loved ones.
Presented by Bob & Paulette Peters*

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson

