

Shine, Jesus, Shine  
(Graham Kendrick)

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

**Refrain:**

**Shine, Jesus, shine**  
**Fill this land with the Maker'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 your love I may enter your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me

**Refrain**

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

**Refrain**



Tecumseh United Church

~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. **LENT 5**

*We are a fragrance-free environment.*

*We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.*

*We Gather in God's Love*

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

Lent Challenge: (read by Sandy McPherson)

This week, your challenge is to reach out to someone who is lonely. We would like you to make a point of visiting, calling, or writing to someone who you know is feeling lonely or alone. Try to reach out to someone you don't usually have contact with. For instance, you could visit a nursing home, or talk to a neighbour who lives alone, or bring a meal to someone new in your neighbourhood. (Let's confirm our commitment to this by singing *the chorus* of **Hymn MV # 120 "My Soul Cries Out"**)

Call to Worship:

God's festival time of worship is here.

**We wish to encounter Jesus!**

Come search for Jesus in scripture,  
in life experiences, by helping our world,  
in prayers of compassion and appreciation for each other.

**We seek to follow the Way, for God's love is in our midst.**

Let me tell you a parable about Jesus' life:

He did not do what he did to serve his own needs.

He was like a grain of wheat planted in the ground.

**The festival time celebrates the harvest of God's holy love.**

We come as we are: Some of us with our lives broken open with reluctance and sorrow.

Some of us ready to journey beyond fear and confusion.

Some of us willing to share the songs of gladness and hope.

**As we encounter this man of sorrows,  
let us find our way of singing redemption's song.**

**\*Hymn “Shine Jesus, Shine”** see back of bulletin



Opening Prayer:

**God of Grace and Healing, you are witness to every part of our being. You know the places where we shine brightly with confidence, just as you know the hidden, aching parts of ourselves that we try not to reveal. You know us and love us, just as we are. We seek the power of your grace to heal all that is broken within us. Mend our broken hearts, heal the wounds of our spirits, and send us out to continue on this Lenten path together, ready to share your way of peace and healing wherever we go. Amen.**

**\*Hymn “Day After Day”** see insert

Faith Friends Time / Lord’s Prayer

**\*Hymn MV # 104 “Know That God Is Good”** (sing twice)

*We Listen to God’s Word*

Scripture Reading: John 12:20-33

**\*Hymn MV # 174 “Soil of God, You and I”**

Meditation

*We Respond to God’s Word*

**Choir Anthem**

Offering Prayer / Prayers of the People / Prayer Book is read

*We Go to Love and Serve God*

**\*Hymn “Our Joy Is in the Knowledge”** see insert

Commissioning & Benediction

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**Thanks** to Barb Snyder for reading this morning.

**Happy Birthday** this the week to Doug Webb,  
Marcia Fuglewicz and Deb Holek.

**Happy Anniversary** this week to  
John & Teresa Cafe

Next Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday Service at 10am.

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Service at 10am.

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Communion Easter Service at 10am.

**Terry Fox Shirts for this year are now available for presale. The link for purchase is 2024 Terry Fox Run Collection – The Terry Fox Foundation** The shirts are produced by adidas and are available in a variety of sizes and styles ranging from \$20 (youth), \$25 (short sleeve), \$35 (long sleeve), and \$40 (performance tee). All proceeds support cancer research.

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## **Our Joy Is in the Knowledge**

(tune of *Battle Hymn of the Republic*)

Our joy is in the knowledge  
that our God has been revealed,  
By a love so great for everyone  
it cannot be concealed.  
When we're open to that love for God,  
it's then that we are healed.  
God's love continues on.

### **Refrain:**

**Glory, glory hallelujah,  
Glory, glory hallelujah,  
Glory, glory hallelujah,  
God's love continues on!**

God has given us community,  
a family of grace.  
God is breaking down the barriers  
that divide the human race.  
God is liberating, freeing.  
God's at work in every place.  
God's truth continues on.

### **Refrain**

Hope is living in the present  
like a people being led;  
It is finding in God's service  
there's a life sustaining bread.  
Hope is looking to the future  
with a God who moves ahead,  
And sends us marching on.

### **Refrain**

## **Day After Day**

Day after day, after day You have been faithful to me  
Day after day, after day I've known Your grace  
Day after day, week after week, year after year  
I will declare Your glory I will declare Your greatness  
I will praise Your name!

Day after day, after day You are my Saviour my friend  
Day after day, after day I'm not alone  
Day after day, week after week year after year  
You will be right beside me You will be here to guide me  
I will praise Your name!

Day after day, after day we are the Body of Christ  
Day after day, after day we are your church  
Day after day, week after week year after year  
We will reflect your mercy  
we will reflect your kindness  
we will praise Your Name!

Day after day, after day you go before us in love  
Day after day, after day your Spirit's here.  
Day after day, week after week year after year  
We will proclaim your story  
we will proclaim your nearness  
we will praise your name!

*By: Walt Harrah and John Andrew Schreiner*