

RED HOOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Jesus and Nicodemus

Forth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021, Year B 10:30 am

PRELUDE: Prelude for Lent, C. Demorest; Julianna O'Leary

LITURGIST: Debbie Dunkle

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP *Please stand*

God is good.

All the time.

And all the time,

God is good.

Let all God's people cry out in joy:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Come! Let us worship the Lord of our salvation. †

OPENING PRAYER

God of immeasurable grace, you meet us in our time of need and cause your face to shine upon us. You sent your Son into the world, that we might be saved; and you fashioned us into vessels of your love and light. Redeem us this day, O God, that we may be found worthy of the one who came to bring us life. Amen. †

OPENING HYMN: **Shine, Jesus, Shine** verse 1 TFWS 2173

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Please be seated* (unison)

Give thanks to the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Let the faithful give thanks to the Lord. †

SCRIPTURE READING: **Numbers 21:4-9**

GOSPEL READING: *Please stand* **John 3:14-21**

After reading:

L: The Word of God for the people of God P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Look up! Pastor Steve

SONG: All The People Said Amen, Matt Maher; Pastor Steve

PRAYER OF YEARNING AND ASSURANCE

Gracious God, we are tired of our own grumbling. Though we run around like errant children, we long to return to your warm embrace. Though we act as if the odds are stacked against us, we yearn to rest in the knowledge that your steadfast love endures forever. Though we crouch in the shadows, we long to feel the warmth of your love shining upon us each day. Lead us from death into life, that we might live as children of light, and serve one another as heirs of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen. †

(Time of silence)

God sent not his Son into the world to condemn it, but that through him we might have eternal life. The one who comes from above saves us from our destructive ways, and leads us into life. †

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST *In a different way!*

Thanking God for the bounty of love we find in Christ Jesus, let us share our joy as we exchange signs of Christ's peace this morning. †

HYMN: **Shine, Jesus, Shine** verse 2 TFWS 2173

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

From God's immeasurable grace, we have been saved by faith. In thankfulness for this mighty gift, let us give thanks to the Lord and offer God homage, as we offer back our tithes and our offerings. †

MUSICAL OFFERING: Close to Thee, V.D.Thompson; Julianna O'Leary

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of light and love, as Jesus shined your light into our troubled world, may our offering bring rays of your holy light into the dark corners of our world. May these gifts reach the places where the fear of death holds sway, that others may find Christ's life in the midst of their pain. Amen. †

HYMN: **Shine, Jesus, Shine** verse 3 TFWS 2173

BENEDICTION

God sends us forth with the immeasurable gift of faith.

We will live in the joy of our salvation.

God sends us forth to walk in the light of holy love.

We will walk in the light of Christ.

God sends us forth in spirit and in truth.

We will journey in the Spirit's tender mercies.

Go with the blessings of God. †

Please remain seated for the Postlude. Thank you.

*POSTLUDE: Sunset and Evening Star, R.Thygeron; Julianna O'Leary

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† Abingdon Worship Annual 2020



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Our Pastor and Our Entire Congregation.
All of the NYAC staff and Cabinet.
Our Ministry and Churches around the World.
The Sick and those who continue to care for them.
Those who give their lives for our Country and
who protect us every day.
All people, animals, and communities of the world
as God created them.

THOSE OF SPECIAL CONCERN AT THIS TIME:

Ellen Antonietta, Maria Arleth, Gail Bamford, John Bamford,
Donna Marie Blanche, Jean Bleibtrey, Carol Boeck (recovering from COVID),
Ken Bonal, the family of Fred Brammer, Pete Buhler, Gabriella and Gavin Butz,
the DeCarolis family on the passing of Lorraine, Tracie Dedrick, Doris,
Terri & John Doyle, Deborah Dunkle, Kay Egan, Beth Finn, the Frankie and Johnson families,
on the passing of Thomas Frankie, husband, father and grandfather, Kay George,
Pastor Paul and Gloria Gingrich, Melissa and Myriam Godwin,
Mike Goodrich, the family of Sheryl Griffith, Julia Hamilton, Irene Harrison,
Haley Hines, Donald Hunt, Ron & Leslie Jones, Phyllis Keeler, Ray Keeler,
Julien: pray for sweet sleep, Cynthia Morrison and her sister Cathy, David Muller,
family of Gretel Muller on her passing, Caleb & Grady Nelson, Carl Pack,
Annalise Padley, Nick Primiano, John & Susan Roddy, Donna Schmidt,
Kathy Stoppenbach, Diane Tanzosch, family of George Thiesen, Rand Thomson,
Nancy Titus, Reverend Eric Titus, Katy & Tony Toro (recovering from COVID),
the family of Skip Tremper, Tony & Charlotte Vellake, Ruth Van Vliet,
Taylor Van Voorhis, the family of Mary Lou Williams on her passing,
Susie, Louise, Mary Beth, Bill, Rich and Marianne

**IN CHRIST'S NAME, WE PRAY.
AMEN.**

Refrain

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. *Fine*



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



in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;
from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance;
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness;



Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,
by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,
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.



Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine on me, shine on me.