

**SERMON**  
“MOVE CLOSER TO THE LIGHT”  
GUEST SPEAKER: CATHERINE BEAL

**ANTHEM**  
*I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS*  
GEORGE BEVERLY SHEA

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
*GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY*

#577  
WORDS BY HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK  
MUSIC BY JOHN HUGHES  
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1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

**\*BENEDICTION - JOHN SCHWARZE**

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
*THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE*

#585  
WORDS & MUSIC FROM AFRO-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL  
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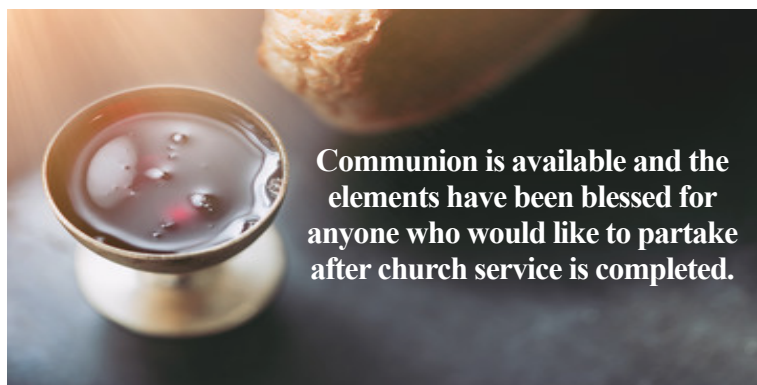
1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**POSTLUDE**  
*LET THE REDEEMED*  
WARD ELLIS


*“Move Closer to the Light”*  
John 8:12 & Matthew 5:13-16



October 2, 2022  
Sunday Worship Service  
Sanctuary & Online  
10:00 AM  
Guest Speaker: Catherine Beal



Communion is available and the elements have been blessed for anyone who would like to partake after church service is completed.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**  
*MORNING HAS BROKEN MEDLEY*  
ELEANOR FARJEON TO THE TUNE OF BUNESSAN

**WELCOME HOME!**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS - CATHY SCOTT**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**  
*I GO TO THE ROCK*  
DOTTIE RAMBO

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP - CATHY SCOTT

**Congregation:** Eternal God, hallowed be your name. Early in the morning, before we begin our work, we praise your glory. Renew our bodies as fresh as the morning flowers. Open our inner eyes, as the sun casts new light upon the darkness. Deliver us from all captivity. Like the birds of the sky, give us wings of freedom to begin a new journey. As a mighty stream running continuously, restore justice and freedom day by day. We thank you for the gift of this morning, and a new day to work with you. Amen.

*~Masao Takenaka, Japan, 20th Cent., alt.*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
*MARCHING TO ZION*

#733, v. 1, 2, & 4  
WORDS BY ISAAC WATTS  
MUSIC BY ROBERT LOWRY  
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1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.  
Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. [Refrain]
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. [Refrain]

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - CATHY SCOTT

**Congregation:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

# SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

**CALL TO PRAYER**  
*SPIRIT SONG*

#347  
WORDS & MUSIC BY JOHN WIMBER  
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1. O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.  
Refrain: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.  
[Refrain]

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**JOHN MARCELLO**

**OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S**  
**TITHES & GIFTS - JOHN MARCELLO**

**\*DOXOLOGY**  
*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*

#94  
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN  
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*  
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS  
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- Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**HYMN OF FAITH**  
*I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT*

#206  
WORDS & MUSIC BY KATHLEEN THOMERSON  
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1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.  
Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]

**SCRIPTURE READING - GAYLE BAILEY**  
**JOHN 8:12 & MATTHEW 5:13-16**