



Vestal United Methodist Church

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Welcome / Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Remember that our God is the only God -

People: The One who made us; the One who sustains us; the One whose Spirit lives within us!

Leader: Let us enter God's house with thanksgiving!

People: We will come into God's presence with praise!

All: For God is good, with unfailing love that lasts forever and faithfulness that extends to all generations. Thanks be to God!

2074 FWS Hymn

Shout to the Lord

Signs of Peace

Prayer of Confession

We know the words, God – omnipotent, awesome, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. We know the words, God, but sometimes we say them without conviction, without really believing them, throwing them into the air where they are rootless, instead of planting them in our hearts to grow. Forgive us, God. You are the All in All. Help us, Lord, to lay all we are and all we have before you, an offering to you, the One who seeks to be King and Master in our hearts and lives. Guide us. Lead us. And help us, Lord, to walk humbly with you, serving you as we serve the children of your family. We pray these things in the name of our brother and Master, your blessed Son, Jesus. Amen.

Silence

Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Anthem

First Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

Children's Message

434 Hymn

When the Poor Ones

Scripture Before the Message

Matthew 25:31-46

Message

What?

Sharon Harris

**Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer
Living the Faith**

**Offering Ourselves to God
Blessing of the Pledges**

2173 FWS Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Benediction

581 Congregational Response

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (verse 4)

Postlude

Ephesians 1:17-23

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Opening Song 2074: Shout to the Lord

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My Jesus, my savior,
Lord, there is none like you;
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the king;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand,
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.
[Repeat]

Song 434: When the Poor Ones

WORDS & MUSIC: J. A. Olivar and Miguel Manzano; trans. by George Lockwood
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1. When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers, when the thirsty water give unto us all, when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others, then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.
2. When at last all those who suffer find their comfort, when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness, when we love though hate at times seems all around us, then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.
3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing, when our lips can speak no words other than true, when we know that love for simple things is better, then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.
4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance, when we learn how to make peace instead of war, when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.

Closing Song 2173: Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Refrain:

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.

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. [Refrain]
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. [Refrain]
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. [Refrain]

Response 581:

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

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4. Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know, and live.