



## Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice  
in the warmth of God's love and light by  
**teaching** the holy word,  
**serving** Christ's community, and  
**growing** together in faith.



October 1, 2023  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion

**The Service for the Lord's Day**  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/ World Communion  
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9:30 am

Prelude (Germany)  
(England)

*Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533*  
*Meditation No. 2*

J. S. Bach  
Eric Thiman

Call to Worship      *[spoken in languages from around the world]*

One: We gather from the west to the east,

One: from the south to the north,

One: to celebrate the God of peace.

One: This God of peace accompanies us in every circumstance of our lives.

One: We praise God's name!

**All: We praise God's name!**

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn (Wales)

*Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven*

No. 511

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity, but we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**All: In return for our old life of sin, God promises a new life of grace.**

One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Hallelujah! Amen.

\*Gloria Patri (United States)

**Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

*(Please check first with those you approach)*

Welcome and Announcements



The Words of Institution  
Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn during Distribution (African American)

**Let us break bread (second time — drink wine) together on our knees; let us break bread (second time — drink wine) together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.**

*Please know this: No matter your past or your sense of worthiness, you are beloved by God. God offers this meal to all people who seek to know God better, to begin anew and to receive nourishment for the journey of faith.*

Prayer after Communion

**Thank you, Holy God, for meeting us where we are, for blessing us with your Holy Spirit and for nourishing our faith. Just as you turn elements from common to sacred, also turn us from ordinary people to extraordinary people shaped by your Spirit. Open unto us — courage for our fear, wisdom for our confusion and peace for our turmoil. Open unto us — strength for our weakness, love for our hate and forgiveness for our sins. Open unto us — joy for our sorrow, hope for our despair and light for our darkness. Amen.**

\*Hymn (Jamaica) *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* No. 526

\*Charge and Benediction

Response (Kenya) *He Is Mine (Ni Wangu)* Hal H. Hopson  
He is mine, Jesus is mine. Forever and ever, Jesus is mine.

Postlude (Canada) *Postlude in D Major* Healey Willan

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