

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn – Shine, Jesus, Shine #671 (red hymnal), not in green

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. 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*

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Sermon

This Land is Your Land

Refrain: This land is your land, and this land is my land. From the California, to the New York Island
From the Redwood Forest, to the Gulf stream waters. This land was made for you and me

1. As I went walking that ribbon of highway, I saw above me that endless skyway. Saw below me the golden valley, This land was made for you and me.
2. I roamed and rambled, and I've followed my footsteps. To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts. All around me a voice was sounding, This land was made for you and me.
3. When the sun come shining, then I was strolling. And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling. A voice was chanting as the fog was lifting, This land was made for you and me.

Refrain

4. When the sun come shining, then I was strolling. And the wheat fields waving, the dust clouds rolling. The voice come in chanting and the fog was lifting, This land was made for you and me.

Prayers

Holy Communion

Post Communion Blessing

For the Beauty of the Earth #879 (red hymnal), #561 (green) vs. 1, 4 & 5

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*
5. For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n; for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

Benediction

Announcements

Postlude