



*The First Congregational Church
of the United Church of Christ
Stockbridge, Massachusetts*

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
February 5, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

For those worshipping at home: you are invited to text the names of those attending to 413-644-6435 that we might welcome you. Please also include prayers of joys and concerns as we will name them in worship.

Today we will be only lifting up the prayers written on the paper tags.

****Note – on communion Sundays, we invite our children to begin in Sunday School so that they can return to the Sanctuary for Communion.****

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC *This Little Light of Mine* (see Music Notes, p. 8)

FRAMING WORDS

Rev. Brent Damrow

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

INTROIT

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Words and arr., Thomas A. Dorsey

***GATHERING UNISON PRAYER** inspired by Matthew 5: 13-16

**God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light
in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship.**

**Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment
so that others may see your good works through us,
give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.**

~ from Caldwell United Methodist Church, caldwellumc.org

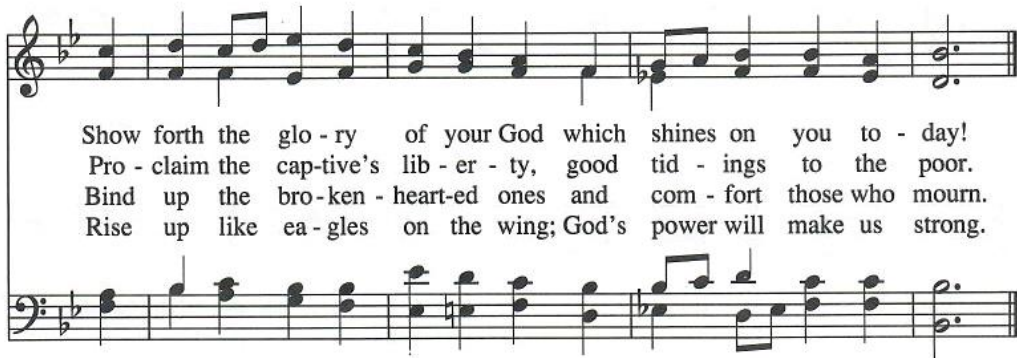
*HYMN

Arise, Your Light is Come

Ruth Duck



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.
William Walter, 1872

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God sends light to us this day
and invites us to meet one another in this light.

**All: Light breaks forth like the dawn,
drawing us into relationship with one another.**

One: Humble yourselves for the worship of God,
that you may be empowered to serve.

**All: God calls us to trust with steady hearts
and to serve with righteous compassion.**

continued

One: Seek not for lofty words of wisdom,
but for powerful demonstrations of God's way.

**All: God makes us to be the salt of the earth
and lights to show God's works to the world.**

~ from the website of the State College Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Damrow

WELCOME

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Damrow

OFFERTORY Consolation #3 in Db Major by Franz Liszt Hui-Mei Lin, *piano*

*DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON

Trust

Rev. Damrow

*HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You, vss. 1 & 3

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OFFERING OURSELVES

BRINGING OUR PRAYERS

PRAYER RESPONSE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Damrow

SHARING THE STORY

BLESSING THE FEAST

SHARING THE MEAL

SUNG PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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ACTIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We invite you to give to your local food pantry. You can also leave canned goods and staples for the People's Pantry in the baskets at each exit.

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*INVITATIONS

Rev. Damrow

*HYMN *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People* vss. 1 & 2

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*BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Toccatina in C Major by Pachelbel

Annual Budget Meeting

- ◇ For those in church, grab a cup of coffee and a snack and return for the sanctuary for the Annual Budget Meeting.
- ◇ For those at home, return to the Livestream webpage and click the link to join via Zoom.

Verses
1 & 3

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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Georg Neumark, 1641
Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Ps. 55:22

1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with
3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice

all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,
heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure
faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv - ing,

to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's
will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most
there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to

change-less love build on the rock that will not move.
wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.
guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

The comforting words of Psalm 55:22 inspired this beautiful hymn by Georg Neumark, who wrote both words and music. Neumark was a German poet who suffered much during the Thirty Years' War.

Tune: NEUMARK 9.8.9.8.8.8.
Georg Neumark, 1657

Sung Lords Prayer

Mark Miller

mp
Our God, in hea-ven, ho-ly is your name, your
reign come, your will done, on earth as in hea-ven.
slower
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread, and help us for-give, as we have been for-giv-en.
mf
In the time of tri-al lead us in-to light, for yours is the kin-dom, and the
po-wer, and the glo-ry, for-e-ver. Our God, in
hea-ven, ho-ly is your name, ho-ly is your name.

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Verses

1 & 2

Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison
D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

Share the fla- vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
 Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
 Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mer - cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus - tice, bring forth the Cit - y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
Marty Haugen, 1986

Music Notes

Consolation in D♭ Major by Franz Liszt was published in 1850, a year after Chopin died. It is widely believed that Liszt wrote this piece as a tribute to Chopin in the style of his D♭ Major Nocturne.

During the Gathering Music this morning, I will play two versions of "This Little Light of Mine" in honor of Black History Month, as well as mirroring our reading from Matthew. The first version you will hear is the one all of us were taught as children. This is assumed to be an African-American spiritual. In fact, in most publications this is the credit given. Today however, Henry Dixon Loes (1892-1965) is believed to have written it. Loes was a church music director and evangelist.

The second version I will play is a Spiritual and of the two, my favorite.

~ Peter Frost

Welcome! We are an Open and Affirming Church which means that we invite persons of every sexual orientation, gender identification and expression, racial and cultural identity, age, physical ability, economic circumstance, faith background and family structure to share fully in the ministry, leadership and fellowship of this congregation's life in Christ.

The Rev. Brent Damrow, Pastor

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