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Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**Youth Sunday**

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the basket at the end of the pews. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

*In your bulletin this morning you should have found a post-it note. This post-it is meant to be used during the offering portion of our worship service today. Instead of passing the offering plates, we invite you to place your offering in the basket at the end of your pew, then bring the post-it forward as well as the small candle you received from the welcome team, to make them part of your offering. On the post-it please write what you believe God's purpose is for your life. Or, if you're not quite sure what God's purpose is for you, write down what you hope it might be or write down a prayer asking God to help you find it. We all have a purpose, and our worship today is meant to celebrate the unique plans that God has for each and every one of us.*

**WELCOME**

*Jordyn Myers & Katrina Rhinehart*

**PRELUDE** (oboe and piano duet played by Juliana Rhinehart & Travis Pinci)

*Sonata in G Minor by Telemann*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Cora & Layla Beyer*

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

\*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Declan Grimes*

Leader: God has bestowed a color of light within us.

**People: We must strive to spread our light to others.**

Leader: In the past our light might have been dimmed,

**People: but now we know we are called to share the colored light within each of us with others.**

Leader: Within every one of us there is a shade of colored light that God has helped us to grow. It is our purpose to find a way to bestow our light unto others. Shine your light to others each and every day, and seek God's presence in light as we pray our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Oh God, when you created our beautiful world so long ago you had a purpose for all that you made, but along life's path we have forgotten what you created us to be. You salted the earth with us to bring joy and taste to the world. You touched each one of us to light our new beginnings. Even if we shy away from our light, our purpose, we can always turn back to you for guidance along the way. Forgive us when we lose sight of your light shining through us. Forgive us when we forget that we are your people, each with our own special purpose. Shine your light through us and bring us back to you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Declan Grimes*

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 451 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4)

*Be Now My Vision*

**ALL SING: Be now my vision, O God of my heart; nothing surpasses the love you impart. You my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, your presence, my light.**

Sovereign of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR AND VOCAL CHOIR**

*Alleluia* by Sinclair and *Deep and Wide/Down in My Heart* (Traditional)

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Ellery Wagaman, Jordyn Myers, Katrina Rhinehart, Rachel Mulligan, & Ryan Myers*

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**SCRIPTURE**

*Jeremiah 29:11  
Matthew 5:13-16*

*Emerson Grimes  
Sydney Cooper*

**MESSAGE**

*Jackson Kollasch*

**SKIT**

*Cora Beyer, Emerson Grimes, Emily Merritt, Gianna Vacante,  
Layla Beyer, & Sydney Cooper*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Brooklyn Vacante & Megan Merritt*

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**MIDDLE HYMN NO. 572** (UM Hymnal, see p. 4)

*Pass it On*

**OFFERTORY**

*Holt Dallam, Joey Bevivino, & Ryan Neal*

CALL TO OFFERING

*Joey Bevivino*

OFFERTORY (see p. 5)

*We Are*

*Butler, Cash, McBride, & Tealy CCLI #6129877*

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 524 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

*This Little Light of Mine*

**ALL SING:** This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Joey Bevivino*

\*CLOSING HYMN NO 181 (black hymnal)

*You Are Salt for the Earth, O People*

\*BENEDICTION

*Holt Dallam & Joey Bevivino*

\*POSTLUDE (words displayed on screens)

*Send Me Out*  
*Steve Fee CCLI #5621778*

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# Pass It On

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*Unison*

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire  
 2. What a won - drous time is spring, when all the trees are  
 3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi-ness that

go - ing, and soon all those a - round can  
 bud - ding; the birds be-gin to sing, the  
 I've found; you can de-pend on him, it

warm up in its glow-ing. That's how it is with  
 flow - ers start their bloom-ing. That's how it is with  
 mat - ters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the

God's love once you've ex - pe-ri-enced it; you spread his love to  
 God's love once you've ex - pe-ri-enced it; you want to sing, it's  
 moun-tain-top; I want my world' to know; the Lord of love has

ev - ery-one; you want to pass it on.  
 fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.  
 come to me, I want to pass it on.

# We Are

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## Verse 1

Ev'ry secret ev'ry shame,  
Ev'ry fear ev'ry pain,  
Live inside the dark.  
But that's not who we are.  
We are children of the day.

## Verse 2

We are called to spread the news,  
To tell the world the simple truth.  
Jesus came to save, there's freedom  
in His name.  
So let His love break through.

## Pre-Chorus

So wake up sleeper lift your head.  
We were meant for more than this.  
Fight the shadows conquer death.  
Make the most of the time we have  
left.

## Bridge

We are the light, we are the light,  
we are the light.  
So let your light shine brighter.  
We are the light, we are the light,  
we are the light.  
Jesus, You are the light, You are  
the light,  
You are the light.  
We will lift You high and shine,  
shine, shine.

## Chorus

We are the light of the world.  
We are the city on a hill.  
We are the light of the world.  
And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta  
Let the light shine.  
(REPEAT)

## Ending

Let the light shine, let the light  
shine.  
Let the light shine, let the light  
shine.

## Interlude

Let the light shine.  
Let the light shine, ooh.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our mother and grandmother, Jane Graham, with love, from Jodi, Steve & Deb, Sherri, Bryan & Hannah.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of Dale Fleming by Natalie Behrends.

The bulletins are presented in honor of all the youth participating in Youth Sunday today! Thank you for sharing your talents with the congregation!

Thank you to the Praise Band for participating in both services today!

Thank you to all of the youth, volunteers, and parents who have worked together to make this special service possible. Our youth have worked hard at youth group, since March, in order to prepare a worship service that focuses on God's purpose for our lives. We hope that our worship today will be meaningful to you and to your life of faith. We would like to especially thank Jen Cooper for dedicating so much time and energy to helping with this worship service. Without her help and creative guidance this day would not be possible. Finally, thank you to the congregation of Mount Zion for providing an environment where our youth feel empowered to be themselves and to express their faith honestly. Your support and nurture are vital for the spiritual formation of our youth.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Ellery Wagaman, Holt Dallam, Jordyn Myers, Rachel Mulligan, & Ryan Myers

8 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Ellery Wagaman, Holt Dallam, Jordyn Myers, Rachel Mulligan, & Ryan Myers

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney

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# I Am the Light of the World

John 8:12

Jim Strathdee, 1969; rev. 1981

In response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman

*F Unison Introduction*

*Refrain*

*Bb C F*

"I am the light of the world!"

*Bb C F Gm Dm C*

You peo-ple come and fol-low me!" If you fol-low and love you'll

*F Gm7 C Bb F Bb F* *Last time, end*

learn the mys-ter-y of what you were meant to do and be.

*F Bb/D C F*

1 When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the  
 2 7 To find the lost and lone-ly one, 7 to  
 3 7 To free the pris-oner from all chains, 7 to  
 4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you do, 7 to

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (CONTINUED)

Gm Dm C

star in the sky is gone, When the  
 heal the bro - ken soul with love, 7 To  
 make the pow - er - ful care, To re -  
 dance at a ba - by's new birth, 7 To

F Bb C F

sag - es and the shep - herds have found their way home, the  
 feed the hun - gry chil - dren with warmth and good food, To  
 build the na - tions with strength of good will, to  
 make mu - sic in . . . . an old per - son's heart, and

Dm Bb Gm7 C Return to §

work of Christ-mas is be - gun:  
 feel the earth be - low, the sky a - bove!  
 see all God's chil - dren ev - ery - where!  
 sing to the col - ors of the earth!

*This text is based on a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman, a prolific twentieth-century writer, theologian, and teacher. The song grew out of Jim Strathdee's music ministry at an intercultural, bilingual congregation in Los Angeles.*

Tune: LIGHT OF THE WORLD Irr.  
 Jim Strathdee, 1969



# You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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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