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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Laws of Love: The Commandments for Today

The Law of Self Control

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Here I Am To Worship

by Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ (inspired by Matthew 5: 13-16)

L: If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt.

P: If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us!

L: If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.

P: If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit's light!

L: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

P: Our faith, our love, our hope — essential as salt and light.

L: But if salt isn't salty?

P: It isn't what it's meant to be.

L: And if a light doesn't shine?

P: It isn't what it's meant to be.

L: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world. Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

P: We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!

OPENING PRAYER

L: 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.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 181** (BH, see p. 4)

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: We have developed a stutter when it comes to being salt and light in your world, O Lord. Our prayer is that we might covet the freedom to respond to your love for us with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. Forgive us our caution, our self-consciousness, our fear of spontaneity, the praises that get stuck on our stuttering tongues. Make of us the glad and contagious followers you created us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2036 (black hymnal, see p. 4)

Give Thanks

ALL SING: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

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

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN NO. 207 (BH, see p. 5)

Just As I Am

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20: 17b

Genesis 21: 1-14

Matthew 5: 13-16

MESSAGE

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.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

BENEDICTION³

POSTLUDE

Let Your Light So Shine

by Birchwood

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² The Confession was part of a February 7, 2013 sermon on The Emmaus Church website and accessed at re:Worship: Prayer of Confession: Salt and Light (re-worship.blogspot.com) on August 30, 2021.

³ The Benediction was written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Mucky Paws and accessed at re:Worship: Salt and Light Blessing: Matthew 5 (re-worship.blogspot.com) on August 30, 2021.

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You Are Salt for the Earth

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the
 2. You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the
 4. We are a blessed and a pil-grim people: bound for the

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

8

City of God! Bring forth the reign of mer- cy bring forth the reign of peace;
 City of God!
 City of God!
 City of God!

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

Give Thanks

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

Give thanks with a great- ful heart, give thanks to the

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Ho- ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je- sus Christ his

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Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am

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rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

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Just As I Am

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Just as I am, with - out one
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a -
 3. Just as I am, you will re -
 4. Just as I am, your love un -

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plea but that your blood - was shed for
 - bout with man - y a con - flict, many a
 - ceive, will wel - come, par - don, many re -
 - known has bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier

9

me, And that you called in - vit - ing
 doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, - ing
 - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise and I be -
 down; Now to be yours, and yours a -

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me, O Lamb of God, I come,
 - out, O Lamb of God, I come,
 - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come,
 - lone, O Lamb of God, I come,

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I come!
 I come!
 I come!
 I come!


This Little Light of Mine

Piano 

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine. _____
 2. Ev - ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine. _____
 3. All through the night, I'm gon - na let it shine. _____

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This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine.
 Ev - ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine.
 All through the night, I'm gon - na let it shine.

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This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine, let it shine,
 Ev - ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine, let it shine,
 All through the night, I'm gon - na let it shine, let it shine,

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let it shine, let it shine!
 let it shine, let it shine!
 let it shine, let it shine.