



WORSHIP GUIDE

May 31, 2020

ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God said, "Let there be light."
And there was light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."
And the light shone in the darkness.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."
And the light shall not be quenched.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

We Are Called

PRAYER

Help us, O God, to be a light to those near and far. Lead us into ways of service that will bless people in the name of Jesus. As we worship today, we have concerns for family and friends who need Your healing presence. Help us to be Your light of joy and salvation that will help them know that You are near. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

Light is foundational to God's reign. Our world was vacuous and void until His first decree, "Let there be light!" Light, the first of His works, revealed His wisdom. But the light turned dark as humans grasped control. The light came back into focus in the person of Jesus. He was the revelation of God's kingship of the nations, the Sovereign's glory reflected in His people. Jesus is the light of the world. To the people who follow Him, the ones to whom God gives the kingdom, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." Today's scripture tells us that human beings are

designed to be God-reflectors to a world so desperately in need. So let's get on with being human!

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:14-16

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Let Your Light Shine

Pastor Jayk Hinze

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS FOR CHRIST'S LIGHT-BEARERS

Father, thank You for light. We ask You to give us boldness to shine our lights in Jesus' name. We don't want to hide our lights under baskets.

Fill us with holy boldness in Jesus' name.

O Lord our God, sometimes we choose the wrong path for our journey. Show us the right way. We desire the destination that You have in store for us.

Point us in the right direction in Jesus' name.

Father, we ask for clarity in decision-making. We trust in You, Lord, to guide us in the choices that we must make.

We are not alone because You are with us, Lord.

Thank You, Lord, for Your church. Thank You for Your word that is a lamp for our feet. Father, remove distractions from our lives, those things that are preventing us from sharing Your Word.

Help us to remember to shine Your light that is within us, Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

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MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Radiance

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Use our gifts for justice and righteousness that oppression and violence may cease and peace may flourish. May the light of Your love shine through our living that suffering may end and all may rejoice in Your gift of life. Amen.

DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

MUSIC FOR DEPARTING

They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love

BENEDICTION

May God shine the light of glory into your hearts. May Christ be with you and never leave you. And may the Spirit renew the image of God within you as you bear God's light to the world.

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