



January 5, 2020  
Sunday Worship at 10:30am



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# Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs "You Are the Light of the World" & "We Three Kings"

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## You Are the Light of the World

Author Unknown  
Arranged by: Mitch Weinzettl

Chords: G C G C

Voice

1. & 5. You are the light of the - world.  
2. You are a can - dle in the - dark.  
3. You are a ci - ty on a - hill.  
4. You are a star in the - night.

Chords: G C D

8 10

You are the light of the wor - - - ld.  
You are a can - dle in the da - - - rk.  
You are a ci - ty on a hi - - - ll.  
You are a star in the ni - - - ght.

Chords: G C G D/F# C

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So shine shine shine where you are.

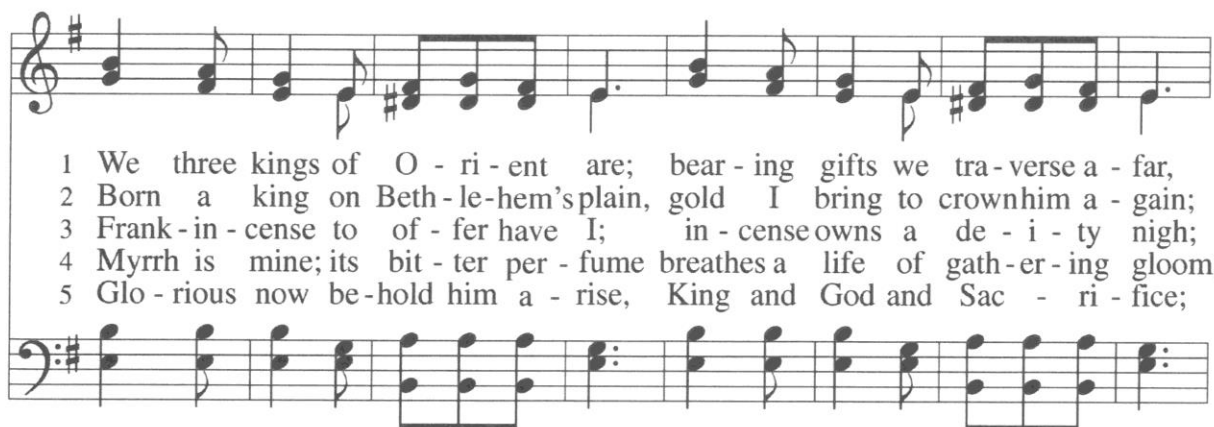
Chords: G C D G C D C G

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You are the light of the - world

Fine

# We Three Kings of Orient Are

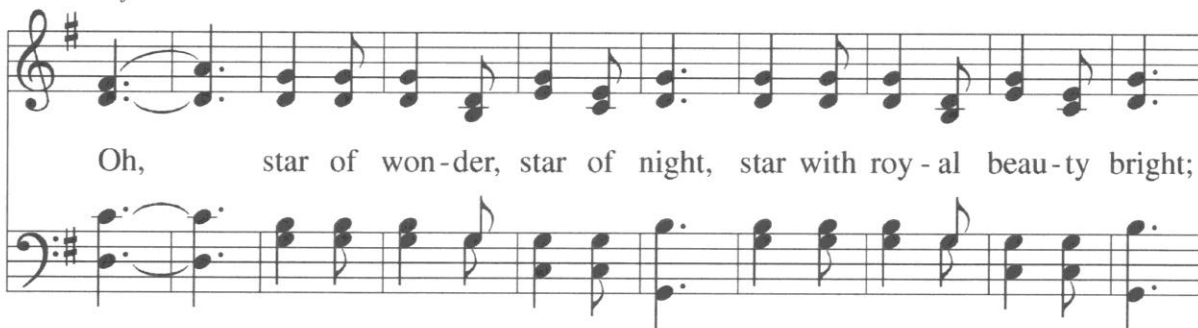


1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

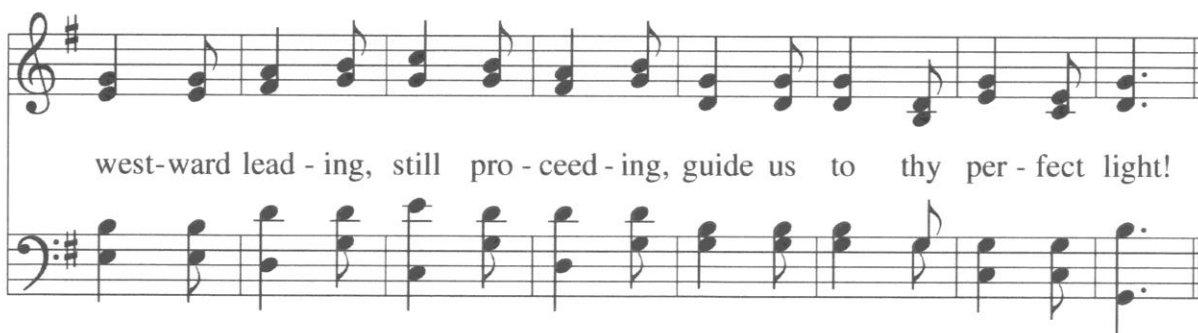


field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

## Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome, River Source, Clipboards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the Stranger, **You created us and the world good. You created people in your image. Help us to see the miracle of your love and presence in strangers and friends. Amen.**

Meet Someone New

**Worship Leader:** *Now is the time to practice this very dangerous prayer we just prayed – there are no strangers because of the love we know in Jesus. We simply can't afford to be afraid of each other, especially in this place of worship of the God who brings us together. Visitors, stay right where you are. It's our job, as River of Hope, to make ourselves a little bit uncomfortable and to come and say hello to you. So, go and say hi to someone you don't know very well or at all.*

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" to bring people back together.

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of the infinite giving and receiving Triune God – God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. God is with you!

**And also with you.**

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

*Silence for reflection.*

Dear faithful God,

**We have not loved you with all of our hearts.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We deny your goodness, your presence, your light in others and ourselves.**

**We put distance between us when we fail to respond to someone who is hurting.**

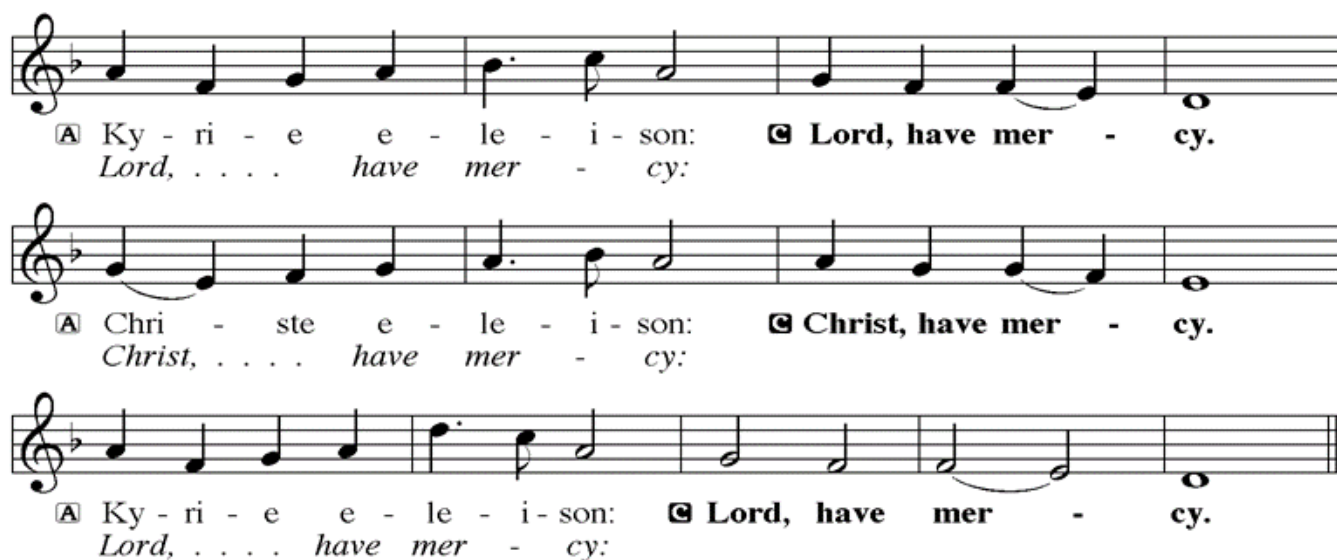
**We pretend that love is weak and that the little things don't matter. We are sure that someone else knows better or will take care of it. We don't treat creation as good but as something to use and abuse. We destroy your created beauty out of ignorance and greed. We act as if we are not responsible. We fail to respond to your call to do justice. We seek our own comfort. We live like your teaching doesn't matter compared to what the world teaches us. We are certain that we can save ourselves.**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We believe in a God who is good and who created us good. Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is the one who makes us new, reminds us of our goodness from God.

Children of God, you are loved, you are forgiven, today and every day. Let us rejoice in this good news! **Thank you, God!**

## KYRIE ELEISON – “Lord, Have Mercy”



The image displays a musical score for the Kyrie Eleison, consisting of three staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below each staff, there are two lines of lyrics. The first line of lyrics is in a standard font, and the second line is in a smaller, italicized font. The lyrics are: "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:" and "Lord, have mer - cy." The first staff is marked with a square box containing the letter 'A'. The second staff is marked with a square box containing the letter 'B'. The third staff is marked with a square box containing the letter 'A'.

**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **B** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **B** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **B** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**I** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**II** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

**I** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
**II** glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.  
**I** For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,  
**II** you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly  
 Spir- it, in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.  
**I** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
**II** glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,  
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord,

Even when crowds were pressing upon you, you still sought time to pray. Bring us back to the silence of our hearts, so that we too may be refreshed by your spirit.

Amen.

# THE STORY

**Narrator:** Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Matthew 2:1-12

**ALL:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Narrator:** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

**Side 1:** **When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him,**

**Side 2:** **"In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"**

**Side 1:** **Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."**

**Side 2:** **When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped they were overwhelmed with joy.**

**Narrator:** On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Narrator:** Stay tuned for the continuing story that is our story and God's story. The Word of God.

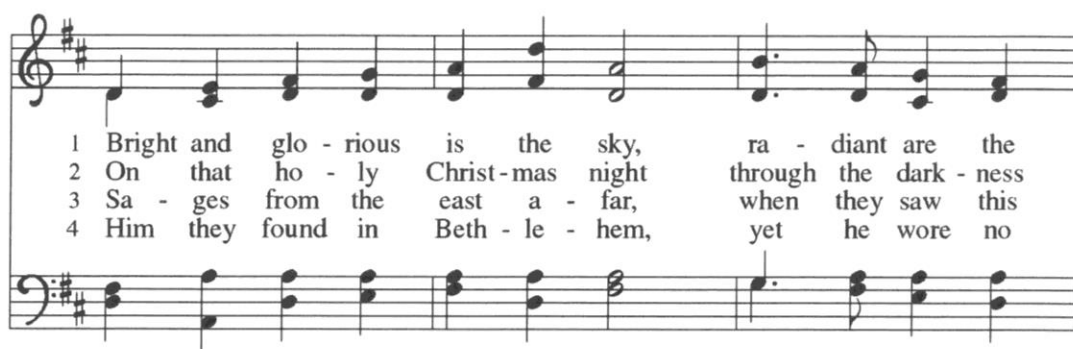
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon –

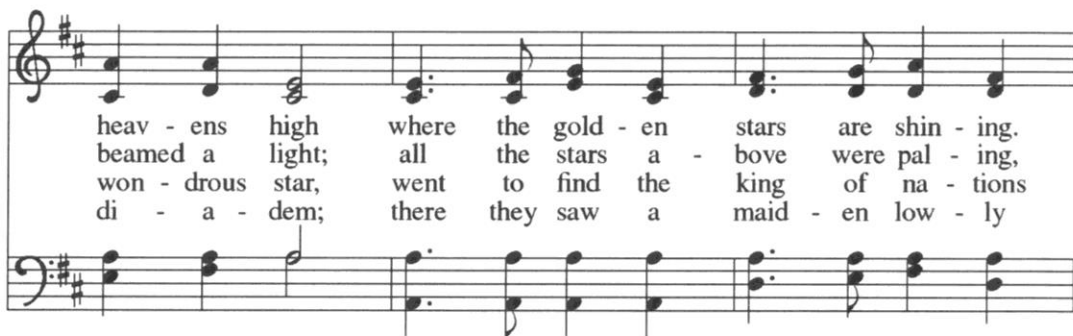
Hymn – "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"




# Bright and Glorious Is the Sky



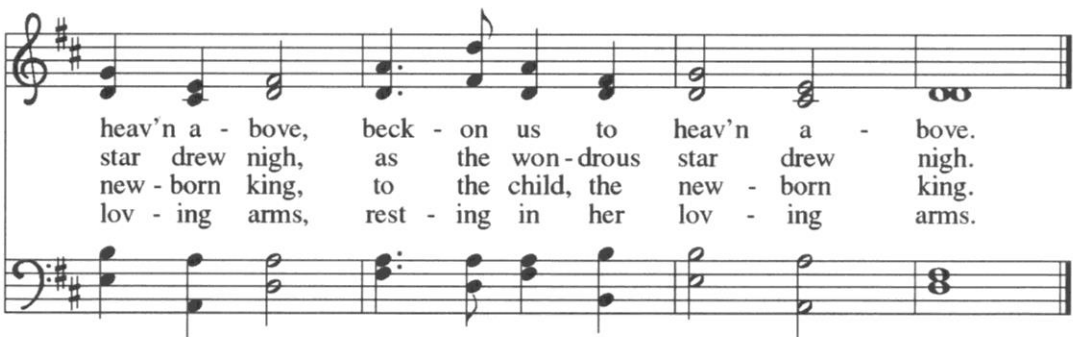
1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the  
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness  
 3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this  
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.  
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,  
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions  
 di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to  
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous  
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the  
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.  
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.  
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.  
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found  
 him whose praise the ages sound.  
 We too have a star to guide us,  
 which forever will provide us  
 with the light to find our Lord,  
 with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,  
 that will never lead astray  
 with its message so appealing,  
 is the Word of God, revealing  
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life,  
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

## Prayers of the People

Reader: Lord, we are in need of your mercy.

**All: hear our prayer**

## Offering

**Worship Leader:** *We are grateful for your financial gifts; it's the only way churches are churches. Set up automatic giving by going to our website, [riverofhopehutchinson.org](http://riverofhopehutchinson.org) click "give" & go from there.*

## Offering Song "Everybody's Got Something to Offer"

**EVERYBODY'S GOT SOMETHING TO OFFER** Larry Olson

♩ = 100 C

Everybody's got something to of - fer; young and old the prince and the pau - per.

Am F G C Fine

Ev - ery - bo - dy's got something to of - fer in the name of the Lord.

## THE FEAST

### Setting the Table

*As the kids help set the table, make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:*

Let's pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

There is room for you at this table. So come, you that have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

## The Lord's Prayer

*You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.*

**God so holy, full of grace, make the world a better place.**

**Give us the food we need for today.**

**Forgive us our wrongs when we go astray.**

**Help us always to do good, and love others, like we should.**

**God we love you; we are yours. Swing wide open heaven's doors.**

**Amen.**

## Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"  
"What Star Is This"

# Arise, Your Light Has Come!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a part of the choir. The first line of the score includes the lyrics: 1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door; 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born, 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song! The second line of the score includes the lyrics: 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 pow'r will make us strong.

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Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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# What Star Is This



1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
 2 True spake the proph - et from a - far who told the  
 3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them  
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Light, to Christ, re -



than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with  
 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful  
 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly



forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.  
 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
 pow'r be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.  
 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler, 1807–1876, alt.  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, **My past, O Lord, I entrust to your mercy. My presence to your love. My future to your faithfulness. Thank you for this good gift of life. Amen.**

# THE SENDING

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

**We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

## Purpose Sightings

**Worship Leader:** There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up!

## MILESTONES! “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

*The congregation will sing before Milestones – CHORUS only.*

If you’ve got a good or hard milestone in your life and can share it in a few sentences, meet me at the baptismal font and throw a water drop in as you share your milestone.

### His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Words by  
Civilla Durfee Martin

Music by  
Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

18  $E\flat$   $E\flat m$   $B\flat/D$   $B\flat$   $B\flat/F$   $F^7$   $B\flat$  CHORUS  $F$   $B\flat/D$   $B\flat$

spar - row, and I know He watch - es me. I sing be - cause I'm hap - py, I

spar - row, and I know He watch - es me.

23  $F$   $B\flat$   $B\flat^7/D$

sing be - cause I'm free; For His eye is on the

26  $E\flat$   $E\flat m$   $B\flat/D$   $B\flat$   $B\flat/F$   $F^7$   $B\flat$

spar - row, and I know He watch - es me.

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## Final Blessing

May the light of Jesus show you the way; may the goodness of God be found every step of the way, and may God’s Holy Spirit renew and inspire you. Remember, you are loved. Live in the promise of this never-ending love.

## Sending Song “Shine Jesus Shine”

(Kids are invited to come up and play an instrument)



# Shine Jesus Shine

Words and Music by  
Graham Kendrick

$\text{♩} = 112$  **VERSE**

A A<sup>SUS</sup> A E/A A A<sup>SUS</sup> A E/A



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the dark-ness, shin - ing;
2. Lord, I come to Your awe-some pres-ence, from the shad-ows in- to Your rad-i-ance;
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis- play Your like - ness;

5 D E/D C#m F#m D E/D



Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us, set us free by the  
By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness, search me, try me, con -  
Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our

8 C#m F#m G E<sup>SUS</sup> E G



truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on  
-sume all my dark - ness. Shine on me, shine on  
lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on me, shine on

## CHORUS

12 E<sup>SUS</sup> E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A



me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the  
me.  
me.

16 E<sup>SUS</sup> E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A



Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on

Go in peace – serve the Lord!    **Thanks be to God**

## Music to Send You Out

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