

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*This is the day that the LORD has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)**

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## **Moments of Meditation**

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“You are the living truth; all wisdom dwells in you, the source of every skill,  
the one eternal True! O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.”

Edith Clarkson

*We Come, O Christ, to You*

arr. Rodriguez

## **Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 33

**Pastor:** Come rejoice, all you who love and serve the Lord! Sing songs and hymns of praise; celebrate together in God's presence!

**People:** **For the word of the Lord holds true forever, and everything He does is worthy of our trust.**

**Pastor:** Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

**People:** **Let all the earth stand in awe of our God, for He spoke, and the world came into being; He breathed, and the heavens were born.**

**Pastor:** God shatters the plans of the nations, and frustrates all their schemes.

**People:** **But the plans of our Maker stand firm forever; His intentions are unshakeable.**

Pastor: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people are known by His name.

People: **Let Your unfailing love surround us, O God, for our hope is in You alone.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*You Righteous, in the Lord Rejoice*

No. 43 vs. 1, 4 - 6



You righ - teous in the Lord re - joice; it well be - comes the good man's  
Let all the earth Je - ho - vah fear, let all that dwell both far and  
He makes the na - tions' coun - sels vain, the plans the peo - ples would main -  
O tru - ly is the na - tion blessed whose God be - fore the world con -



voice to sing Je - ho - vah's praise. With  
near in awe be - fore Him stand; for  
tain are thwart - ed by His hand. Je -  
fessed, Je - ho - vah is a - lone; and



harp and hymn of glad - ness sing, your gift of sweet - est mu - sic  
lo, He spoke and it was done, and all, with sov - ereign pow'r be -  
ho - vah's coun - sel stands se - cure, His pur - pos - es of heart en -  
blessed the peo - ple are whom He has made His her - i - tage to



bring, to Him a new song raise.  
gun, stood fast at His com - mand.  
dure, for - ev - er - more they stand.  
be, and cho - sen for His own.

## **\*Prayer of Invocation**

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:46-56  
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### **Prayer of Confession**

Based on Isaiah 2:4-5

**Pastor:** Eternal God, before You nations rise and fall. Help us to repent of our country's wrong and to choose Your way of reunion and renewal.

**People:** **Great God, forgive our sins and renew this nation.**

**Pastor:** Lord, give us a glimpse of the Kingdom You are bringing to earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of Your presence.

**People:** **Great God, forgive our sins and renew this nation.**

**Pastor:** Draw us together as one people who do Your will, so that we may be a light to our nation. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of Your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

**People:** **Great God, forgive our sins and renew this nation. Show us there is no law or liberty apart from You; and let us serve You whole-heartedly, as Your devoted followers, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

John 8:12

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

## **\*Chorus of Thanksgiving**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me. Shine on me.  
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;  
Shine on me. Shine on me.  
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

## **New City Catechism Question # 42**

### **How is the Word of God to be read and heard?**

With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith,  
store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

### **Tithes and Offering**

*Refiner's Fire/Take Time to Be Holy*

arr. Tornquist

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire  
Is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord

I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master.  
Ready to do Your will

**\*Chorus of Preparation**

*Lift High the Name of Jesus*



Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make  
Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His  
Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No



known the pow - er of His grace; the beau - ty of His peace. Re -  
pow'r in us is grea - ter than, is grea - ter than this world. To  
oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He



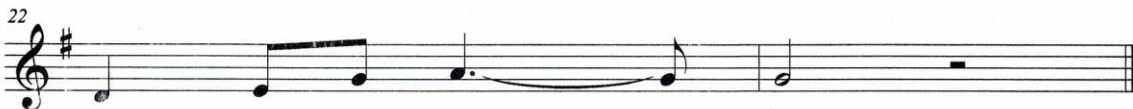
mem - ber how His mer - cy reached and we cried out to Him. He  
share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that  
o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest He has grown. We



lift - ed us to so - lid ground, to free - dom from our sin. Oh  
all who see Him shine through us might bring the Fath - er praise.  
la - bor in His fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home.



sing my soul and tell all He's done 'til the earth and hea - vens are



filled with His glo - - - ry.

**Sermon**

**Rejoicing and Being Glad in the God we Seek**

**Psalm 40**

**Sermon Text: Psalm 40:16**

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1. The Meaning

2. The Reason

3. The Result

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

No. 98

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

**\*Postlude**

*All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises*

by Leatherman

**\* Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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**Piano**

**Scripture, New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer**

Denise O'Neal  
Bruce Stoltzfus, Elder

## Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>SUN 6/30</b>	10:30 AM	Worship Service
<b>SUN 7/07</b>	10:30 AM	Worship Service & The Lord's Supper
	12:00 PM	Session Meeting

## Serving the Lord

	6/30	6/07	7/14
AM Nursery	V. Lash, Grayden L.	C. Tuitman, Alanna T.	D. O'Neal, Cordie A.
Greeters	Hrivnak	J. Rogers	Lindborg
Audio	J. Martin	B. Schoon	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Stoltzfus	Hrivnak	Lindborg



## Announcements

☞ **Guest Pastor:** This morning we welcome Rev. Nathan Brummel. Rev. Brummel is an administrator and professor of theology at Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary and associate pastor at Immanuel United Reformed Church (DeMotte). He is married to Paula and they have six children from ages 6 to 24. Next Sunday our guest minister is Rev. Walter Lorenz, Pastor at Large of the Great Lakes Presbytery. Rev. Lorenz is our interim pastor while we search for a new pastor and will be preaching on the Sundays when we are scheduled for The Lord's Supper.

☞ **Secretary on Vacation:** Sandy will be on vacation from Thursday, July 4 through Monday, July 8. The deadline for bulletin announcements this coming week is Tuesday, July 2, at 5:00 pm. Thanks for your cooperation!

☞ **Service Day at *By the Hand* Club** - We would like to send a team to help at the *By the Hand* summer program. The days available to us are Monday/Tuesday, July 22/23 or Monday/Tuesday, July 29/30. We have usually only gone one day in past summers, but if there is enough interest we could go on two days. *By the Hand* is a Christ-centered, after-school program located in four of Chicago's most under-resourced neighborhoods. We will be going to the Altgeld Gardens Club site on the far south side (45 minutes from Good Shepherd) where former member and friend Martha Metcalfe works. Kids (12 and over) and adults are encouraged to participate. We will leave from Good Shepherd at 11:30 am, eat lunch in the car, and be ready to serve when we arrive. We would arrive back at the church at approximately 5:30 pm. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please indicate which day(s) work for you.

☞ **Missions Reading Program:** We will again have a summer missions reading program. Books are in the cart in the back and include reading at three levels: (1) elementary, (2) middle school, and (3) young adult and up. For four of the missionaries, we have books on all three levels. There are some additional books added this year. Also included this year is an individual booklet on which to record your reading. We will aim to have a get together later this summer to share mission stories. Please sign out a book when you take it. It is so encouraging to read of God's work around the world. It can help grow our faith.