

St. John's United Church of Christ
March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering Song

"This is the Day"

Unison Welcome

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you"

Prelude

Solemn Declaration and Choral Amen

Call to Worship

adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

God does not see as mortals see.

We look on the outward appearance. God looks on the heart.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Once we lived in darkness but now--

as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Together, let us see and sing and worship God!

Hymn #395

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

Prayer of the Day

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see?

Bring us again and again into your light

until your ways become visible to us,

and bear fruit in us.

Touch us that we are utterly changed,

a "before" and "after,"

a "now" and "then";

that we may also say,

"One thing I do know,

that though I was blind, now I see."

Lord, we believe;

help us in our unbelief.

In Christ's light, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Responsive Reading

"Let Your God Love You" by Edwina Gateley (b. 1943)

Be silent. Be still. Alone. Empty Before your God.

Say nothing. Ask nothing. Be silent. Be still.

Let your God look upon you. That is all. God knows. God understands.

**God loves you With an enormous love, And only wants to look upon you
With that love.**

Quiet. Still. Be.

Let your God—Love you.

Children's Sermon

Roxanne Davenport

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-15

Sermon

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Response

**Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all**

Prayer of Dedication

**God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other.
May these gifts lead us to deepen our discipleship, to connect in new ways,
to pray without ceasing and persist in patience. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn #96

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Commission & Benediction

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394 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

1. Je - sus, Thou joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou fount of
 2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; Thou sav - est
 3. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our

life, Thou light of all, from the best bliss that earth im -
 those who on Thee call; to them who seek Thee, Thou art
 mo - ments calm and bright; chase the dark night of sin a -

parts, we turn un - filled to hear Thy call.
 good, to them who find Thee, all in all.
 way, shed o'er the world Thy ho - ly light.

WORDS: Latin hymn, 12th cent.; tr. Ray Palmer, 1858
 MUSIC: Henry Baker, 1854

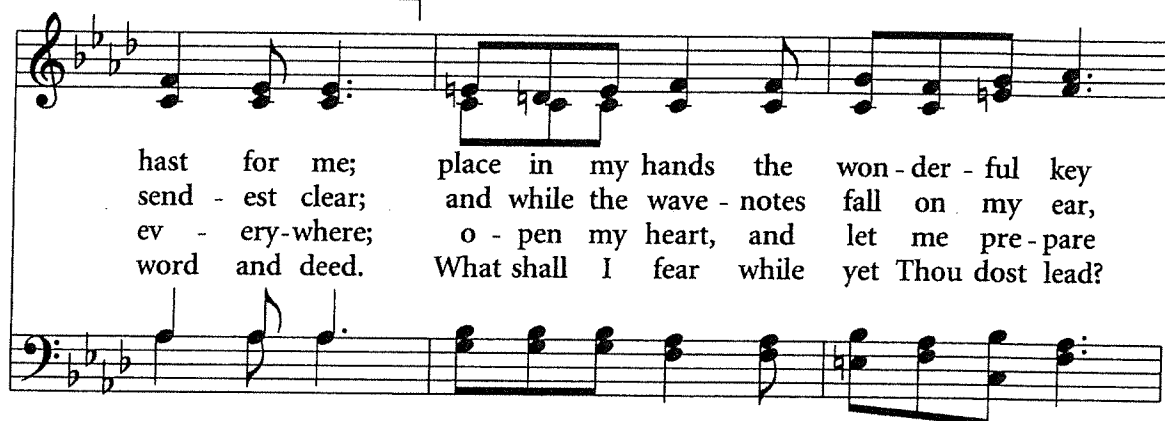
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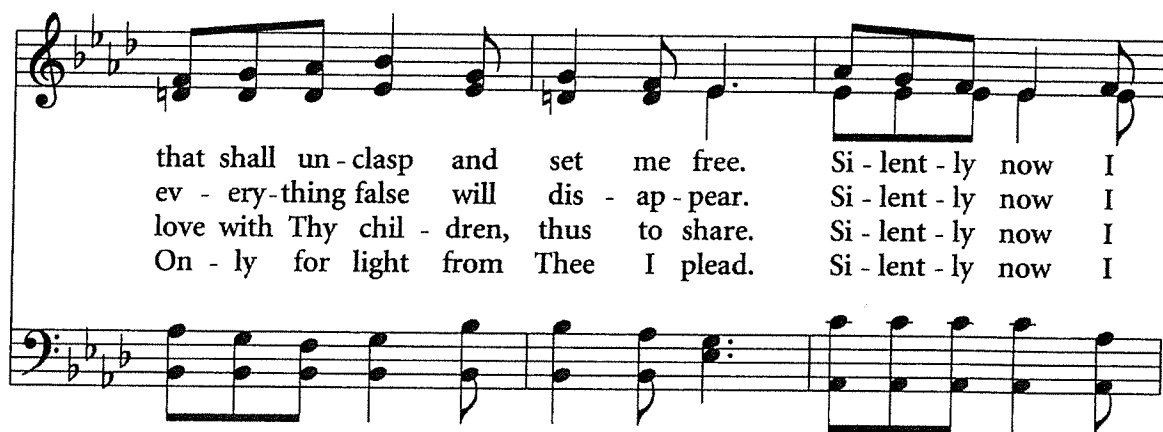
1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth Thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth Thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth
 4. O - pen my mind, that I may read more of Thy love in

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895
 MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

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hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare
 word and deed. What shall I fear while yet Thou dost lead?



that shall un - clasp and set me free. Si - lent - ly now I
 ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with Thy chil - dren, thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I
 On - ly for light from Thee I plead. Si - lent - ly now I



wait for Thee, read - y, my God, Thy will to see;
 wait for Thee, read - y, my God, Thy will to see;
 wait for Thee, read - y, my God, Thy will to see;
 wait for Thee, read - y, my God, Thy will to see;



o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my mouth, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my mind, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

96 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to
 3. I'm look-ing for the com- ing of Christ; I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run with

light to the world; the star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In Him there is no dark-ness at all; the night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

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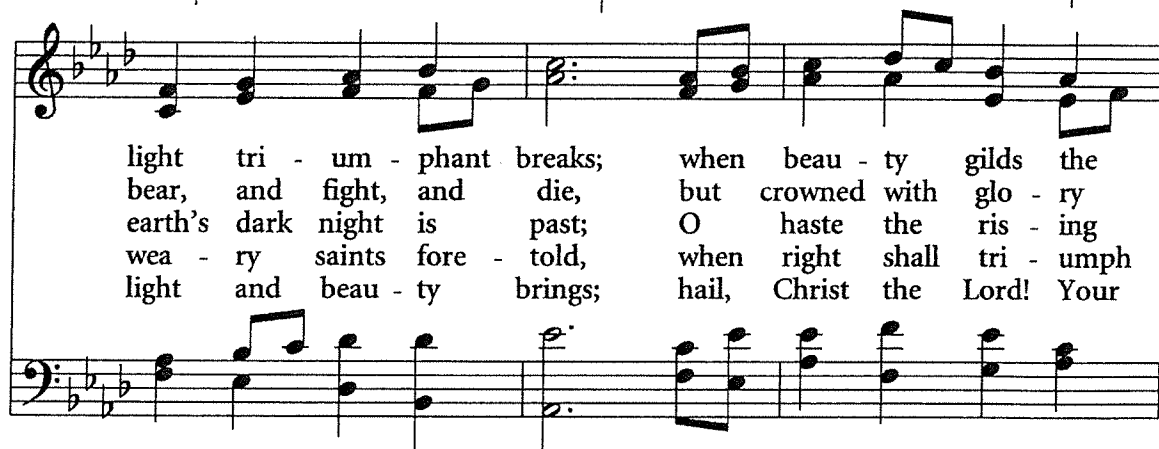


cit - y of God: shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

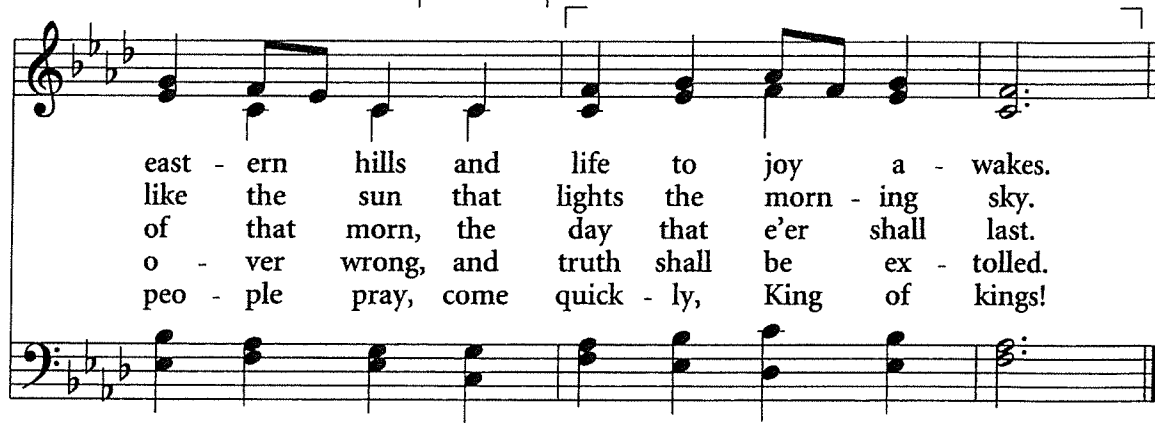
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns 97



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2. Not as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4. Then let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and



light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 wea - ry saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 light and beau - ty brings; hail, Christ the Lord! Your



east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last.
 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings!

WORDS: Ancient Greek hymn; tr. John Brownlie, 1907

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813; harm. Donald Murphy, 2008

MORNING SONG

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