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Gathering Music A Song of Hope Lasky

Olga Teutler, organ

**Prelude** A Joyous Acclamation Smith

Welcome to Worship Rev. Stephen Gray

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 67)

Leader: May God be merciful and bless us. May his face smile with favor on us.

People: May your ways be known throughout the earth, your saving power

among people everywhere.

Leader: May the nations praise you, O God. Yes, may all the nations praise you.

People: Let the whole world sing for joy because you govern the nations

with justice and guide the people of whole world.

Leader: May the nations praise you, O God. Yes, may all the nations praise you.

People: Then the earth will yield its harvests, and God, our God, will richly

bless us.

Leader: Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear him.

All: Let us worship God.

## \*Pew Hymnal 579

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Verse 1

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.

Chorus: 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

Verse 2

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.

Chorus

Verse 3

As we gaze on your kingly brightness So our faces display your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory: Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story; Shine on me. Shine on me.

Chorus

**Blessing of the Backpacks** 

Rev. Emily Collins

## \*Pew Hymnal 48

## Morning Has Broken

#### Verse 1

Morning has broken Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

#### Verse 2

Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heav'n, Like the first dew fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness Where His feet pass.

#### Verse 3

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning Born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, Praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation Of the new day!

# **Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Emily Collins



<sup>1</sup>This is what the LORD says:

"Be just and fair to all.

Do what is right and good,

for I am coming soon to rescue you

and to display my righteousness among you.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed are all those

who are careful to do this.

Blessed are those who honor my Sabbath days of rest and keep themselves from doing wrong.

<sup>3</sup> "Don't let foreigners who commit themselves to the LORD say, 'The LORD will never let me be part of his people.'

And don't let the eunuchs say,

'I'm a dried-up tree with no children and no future.'

<sup>4</sup> For this is what the LORD says:

I will bless those eunuchs

who keep my Sabbath days holy

and who choose to do what pleases me

and commit their lives to me.

<sup>5</sup> I will give them—within the walls of my house—

a memorial and a name

far greater than sons and daughters could give.

For the name I give them is an everlasting one.

It will never disappear!

<sup>6</sup> "I will also bless the foreigners who commit themselves to the LORD, who serve him and love his name,

who worship him and do not desecrate the Sabbath day of rest,

and who hold fast to my covenant.

<sup>7</sup>I will bring them to my holy mountain of Jerusalem and will fill them with joy in my house of prayer.

I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices,

because my Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

<sup>8</sup> For the Sovereign LORD,

who brings back the outcasts of Israel, says:

I will bring others, too,

besides my people Israel."

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special / Will Pray Stevens

Connie Miller, violin

Message "For All Peoples" Rev. Stephen Gray

#### **Invitation to Give**

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onrealm.org/WestwoodBaptist

Offering In the Beauty of Holiness Powell
Olga Teutler, organ

<b>Prayers</b>	of	the	Peo	ple
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Rev. Stephen Gray

# **Congregational Life**

Rev. Emily Collins

**Benediction** 

Rev Stephen Gray

## **Postlude**

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Prentis Olga Teutler, organ

\*You may stand.

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If you have a prayer concern that you would like to share, please send a text to 703-662-1116. Please include your name. We will mention concerns in our prayer time.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Jeanette Carder in memory of Cecil and Dorothy Carder.

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