



Worship Moment

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Fairlawn-West
United Church of Christ
November 15, 2020

Welcome

Breaking Bread

Opening Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illuminated by your living Word and walk together as children of light. Amen.

Song of Celebration: Watchman

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 (Message trans.)

Scripture Reflection

Song of Shalom: You Are the Light

Cup of Blessing

Gracious and generous God, this is the day you have made, we will rejoice and be glad in it! We know that whether things seem dark or are dazzlingly bright; when troubled times assail or peace reigns; you are with us. Lead us in pathways of service and away from trails of fear and anxiety. Help us to hold onto the joy and peace we find with Christ Jesus. As you encourage us, let us be an encouragement to those around us. Amen.

Commission

Go forth into the world and be of good courage.
Hold fast to that which is good,
render to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people.
Love and serve God rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Benediction

And may the peace of God, which is beyond our understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus who is Lord of all.

Invitations

***Stewardship Season:** Everyday our church cares for people in countless ways. Our world needs the great love we can offer through FW. Please consider pledging to support this church and its ministries. More info. News

***Join us for Bible study:** Tuesday or Wednesday, via Zoom.
Advent reading book: *Imaging a New World*.

***Special Outdoor Advent,** 11/29, 11:00am. Tree decorating, wreath-making.
Let's light up our neighborhood with the love of God!

Watchman

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Tell me watchman now what of the morning - is the end of the night coming soon
I've been waiting and praying and longing - for the One Who is faithful and true
For I know He's the hope for the helpless - and a comfort to all those who mourn
As the song of His glorious returning - rises up on the wings of the dawn

Chorus:

When morning comes - O the Son will rise again
And all of the earth will be filled with a glorious light
And even when - the day is short and evening comes
I know that even the darkness - even the darkness is light
I know that even the darkness - even the darkness is light

Tell me watchman now what of the morning - for we sing of the light of the world
And we sing of the one they call Jesus - who is mighty in deed and in word
For I know He's the Son of the Highest - and I know that His victory is won
As the song of His glorious returning rises up on the wings of the dawn

Chorus

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- 1-3** I don't think, friends, that I need to deal with the question of when all this is going to happen. You know as well as I that the day of the Master's coming can't be posted on our calendars. He won't call ahead and make an appointment any more than a burglar would. About the time everybody's walking around complacently, congratulating each other—"We've sure got it made! Now we can take it easy!"—suddenly everything will fall apart. It's going to come as suddenly and inescapably as birth pangs to a pregnant woman.
- 4-8** But friends, you're not in the dark, so how could you be taken off guard by any of this? You're sons of Light, daughters of Day. We live under wide open skies and know where we stand. So let's not sleepwalk through life like those others. Let's keep our eyes open and be smart. People sleep at night and get drunk at night. But not us! Since we're creatures of Day, let's act like it. Walk out into the daylight sober, dressed up in faith, love, and the hope of salvation.
- 9-11** God didn't set us up for an angry rejection but for salvation by our Master, Jesus Christ. He died for us, a death that triggered life. Whether we're awake with the living or asleep with the dead, we're *alive* with him! So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it.

You Are the Light

Steve Fee

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We are the people of God - the sons and the daughters of love
Forgiven restored and redeemed
We're living our lives to the praise of our King

We are the ones who will shine – His light in the darkness of night
The hopeless the broken the poor
They will be hopeless and broken no more

Chorus:

You are the Lord and the light of the world and we shine Your light
You are the Lord and the light of the world and we shine Your light

We are the people of God - the sons and the daughters of love
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We're living our lives to the praise of our King

We are the ones who will shine – His light in the darkness of night
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Chorus

We shine Your light - we shine Your light