

## Words for Worship Sunday, October 4, 2020

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### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Lord God, You alone are just and holy. Forgive me for the ways I willingly participate in the sins of the world. Even when I try to do right, it so often comes out wrong. Forgive me, renew me, and show me how to live for the sake of others. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, we do not always know what is right, but we do know that from You come all things that are good. Lead us by Your word and Holy Spirit to know those things that are right and good, and by Your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### OPENING HYMN

*Christ Be Our Light*

#715, verses 1 & 2

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

#### *Refrain*

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Shine in your church gathered today.

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### SCRIPTURE

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#### **Matthew 4:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— <sup>14</sup> to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

#### **Jeremiah 30:11**

"I am with you," say the Lord, "to save you."

### SERMON

"Turning to the Light of Christ"

Pastor Luther Swenson

## Light the Way

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There's a song of resurrection  
Hope that fills the weary soul  
You have made Your home inside I'm not alone  
In the shadow of the valley  
Your word a lamp when I can't see  
May I not forget the promise leading me  
You're leading me

You light the way, You light the way  
With a fire by night, And a cloud by day  
You light the way  
You light the way  
Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
(You light the way)

We are pilgrims on a journey  
Hungry for what lies beyond  
Strangers once now made a family we belong  
We are tellers of a story  
Of word made flesh and kingdom come  
Sinners saints and hope of glory  
Christ alone oh Christ alone

You're lighting up my future  
You're lighting up my faith  
You're lighting up my wonder  
With endless grace  
You're lighting up my failure  
You're lighting up my fears  
Everything I've carried  
Over all these years

## OFFERING PRAYER

Trustworthy Lord, You have abundantly shared with us so that we may share with others. Accept these our offerings by which Your good work is done through our ministries and beyond. Amen.

## PRAYERS

We pray using the response, "**C: May we be rooted in Christ.**"

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

#726, verses 1 & 3

1 Light dawns on a weary world  
when eyes begin to see  
all people's dignity.  
Light dawns on a weary world:  
the promised day of justice comes.

### *Refrain*

The trees shall clap their hands;  
the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

3 Hope blooms in a weary world  
when creatures, once forlorn,  
find wilderness reborn.  
Hope blooms in a weary world:  
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

*Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953*

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