



## Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice  
in the warmth of God's love and light by  
**teaching** the holy word,  
**servicing** Christ's community, and  
**growing** together in faith.



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## The Service for the Lord's Day

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9:30 am

Prelude "Overture" and "The Rejoicing" from *Firework Music* G. F. Handel  
*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* arr. Jason Krug  
Memorial Ringers

Call to Worship

One: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

**All: for we are the church of Jesus Christ!**

One: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

**All: opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!**

\*Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* No. 245  
(stanzas 1 and 2)

*Children and youth may depart for Sunday School or remain in their pew.*

Welcome and Announcements

### ***Messiah (Selections from Parts 2 and 3)***

**G. F. Handel**

Chorus: Behold the Lamb of God  
*Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.*

Alto Air: He was Despised  
*He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He gave his back to the smiters and his cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: he hid not his face from shame and spitting.*

Chorus: Surely, He Hath Borne Our Grievs  
*Surely, he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him.*

Chorus: He Trusted in God  
*He trusted in God that He would deliver him; let him deliver him, if he delight in him.*

Tenor Air: Behold and See  
*Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto his sorrow.*

Tenor Air: But Thou Didst Not Leave His Soul in Hell  
*But thou didst not leave his soul in hell; nor didst thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.*

Bass Air: Why Do The Nations?  
*Why do the nations so furiously rage together? Why do the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord, and against His Anointed.*

Soprano Air: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth  
*I know that my Redeemer liveth and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.*

Chorus: Since By Man Came Death  
*Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Bass Air: The Trumpet Shall Sound  
*The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised in corruptible and we shall be changed.*

Alto Recitative: Then Shall Be Brought to Pass  
*Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: death is swallowed up in victory.*

Alto and Tenor Duet: O Death, Where is Thy Sting?  
*O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law.*

Soprano Air: If God Be For Us  
*If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, rather, that is risen again, who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.*

Chorus: Worthy is the Lamb  
*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain and hath redeemed us to God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing. Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *"Peace" from Royal Fireworks* G. F. Handel

\*Doxology No. 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Gracious God, please accept these gifts and use them for the coming of your kingdom in this time and place. In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us, we pray with thanksgiving. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Response *Hallelujah (part 2 of Messiah)* G. F. Handel

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