



## 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,  
**servng** Christ's community, and  
**growing** together in faith.

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday 2024



March 10, 2024  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

**The Service for the Lord's Day**  
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9:30 am

Prelude

*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*  
*In the Hour of Trial*  
Kathy Finnerty, piano

Marilyn Thompson  
Lani Smith

Call to Worship

Emily Burghardt

One: On our worst days,

**All: God is good.**

One: On our best days,

**All: God is good.**

One: When life is consistent,

**All: God is good.**

One: And when life turns on its head,

**All: God is good.**

One: Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

**All: God is good. God is here. God is love.**

One: Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God

\*Hymn

*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

No. 816

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy God, we often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense. Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!" We want to control scenarios beyond our reach. We want to hold your world in our hands. Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity. Forgive us for arguing when we could listen. Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many. Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen. With hope in our hearts, we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

*(Please check first with those you approach)*

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

Jennifer Miller

*Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.  
After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 (page 487)

Anthem

*Let All You Do Be Done in Love*

Sandra T. Ford

Let all you do be done in love, guided ever by the spirit of the living God. Let all you do be done in love and be done in Jesus' name. Holy God of mercy, give us courage, keep us strong, as we witness to your purpose and stand with those who suffer wrong. Grant us patience and compassion as we humbly walk your way. Help us claim you as our center, Lord, with these words to shape each day: let all you do be done in love.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-23 (page 798)

Sermon

*I'm Fixed Upon It: Lessons of Life and Faith*

Rev. Amy Lincoln

\*Affirmation of Faith

One: I believe in a God of second chances,

**All: a God who sees through my stubbornness and holds my fear with tenderness.**

One: I believe that this God of second chances uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.

**All: Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.**

One: I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible. I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.

**All: This change is holy and important work, although challenging. When fear and scarcity plague me, or when the impossible feels out of reach, I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.**

One: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

**All: Amen.**

Offering

*We invite you to consider giving out of gratitude to God after worship today either by placing your offering in the wooden box hanging on the wall at each exit, scanning the QR code in your pew and/or giving online through the church website at [www.flemingtonpres.org](http://www.flemingtonpres.org), or mailing a check to the church office at 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. We give thanks for your generosity, allowing our mission and ministry together to continue.*

Prayer of Dedication

\*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.**

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.**

\*Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

No. 475

\*Charge and Benediction

Response

*Depart in Peace*

Sandra T. Ford

Depart in peace and may God's grace sustain and bless you day by day. Depart in joy and may his truth support and guide you in his way. Depart to serve and may his presence ever strengthen from above. Depart in faith and may you know the comfort of his constant love. Depart in peace.

Postlude

*Fanfare in G Minor*

Emma Louise Ashford

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