

# Let your light shine!

Youth and Family Worship  
November 8, 2020

# Congregational worship song

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuzVwiL1i5M&ab\\_channel=RickRogan](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuzVwiL1i5M&ab_channel=RickRogan)



# Call to Worship

L: Today God's word will be spoken to your hearts.

P: Open our ears and our hearts to receive God's word.

L: Today God's love will be poured into your life.

P: Prepare us, Lord, to receive your love.

L: Hallelujah!

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# Children's worship song

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPrb69M-sYE&ab\\_channel=chathu1988](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPrb69M-sYE&ab_channel=chathu1988)



# Children's Bible Story

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWSMTI-GbRs&ab\\_channel=RocksolidCartoonBibleStories](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWSMTI-GbRs&ab_channel=RocksolidCartoonBibleStories)



# Children's Message

The story is about being ready—being ready to shine the light of Jesus' love for all the world to see, no matter the time or location. Jesus tells this story to help us understand that shining God's light is important.

How can we help one another have enough power in our electronic devices to shine a light for Christ. When we pray for one another, read scripture, sing songs, and remember that we are children of God, then we show that light to others. Jesus calls us to be ready to follow him and to show others the love we have for him. With Jesus at the heart of who you are and with God's love in your life, you too can shine God's light and show others the love of Jesus.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/there-is-now/twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-youth-lessons>

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlfYvzLlOZo&ab\\_channel=LifetreeKids](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlfYvzLlOZo&ab_channel=LifetreeKids)



# Lantern Craft

[http://www.atomicshrimp.com/st/content/led\\_lanterns](http://www.atomicshrimp.com/st/content/led_lanterns)



# Congregational Prayer

Lord, we are always seeking guidance for the journey you have placed us on. We would like it if everything was spelled out so that we knew what to expect. But that's not the way life works. You remind us, in the story of the 10 bridesmaids, that we should always be ready to seek you and to serve you. Open our hearts today and remind us of your awesome love for us throughout all the generations, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/8489/worship-connection-november-8-2020>

# Youth & Adult Skit

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4RklxZVfAA&ab\\_channel=TheSkitGuys](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4RklxZVfAA&ab_channel=TheSkitGuys)



# Youth and Adult Lesson

What good is a light that doesn't shine? It would not serve its purpose. In the same way, hidden light is of no value. Light that fulfills its purpose must shine.

Jesus commanded us to let our light shine before others. Notice that he doesn't say we should be the light of the world, he says we ARE the light of the world! If we don't shine, we are not fulfilling our purpose! But what does it mean to shine our light?

Light has one primary purpose, to dispel darkness. Imagine sitting in a large auditorium with no lights on and no windows to let in natural light. We would be in pitch darkness, but if one person would light a match, everyone would see it.

The light of one small match can dispel the darkness of an entire room. It doesn't take a huge spotlight to make a difference!

When Jesus calls us to shine our lights, he is calling us to get rid of the darkness, to light up our dark world with his light. We do this by living according to his word, purpose and will. We do this by treating everyone we come across with the same love, compassion and grace that he offers us. Shining our light means that we reflect the very nature of Jesus in everything we do.

Share in Journal or discussion:

What does it look like to reflect the very nature of Jesus in everything we do? When is it most difficult for you to reflect Jesus?

When do you feel you reflect Jesus the most?

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# Youth & Adult Worship Song

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# Matthew 25:1-13

25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

25:2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

25:3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;

25:4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

25:5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

25:6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

25:7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

25:8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

25:9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

25:10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

25:11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'

25:12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

25:13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

# Message

It certainly has been quite a week. I don't know about you but I have felt the darkness this week. There is a great deal of anger and hatred generated to one another. When did we decide that agreeing to disagree means to pour out anger and hate on the person we disagree with? Between the election, coronavirus decisions, race relations, and overall frustration, the world is an angry scary place right now and it needs our help.

This weeks bible story is certainly a strange one. I'm all about sharing so having a bible story that doesn't show sharing and giving is weird to me. But I guess that's not the point of the story. Some have shared their interpretation of the story is that we need to be ready when Jesus returns to take us home. I don't know about that either...

My interpretation of the story is to be ready in our everyday lives to be prepared to share the love of Jesus to a world that desperately needs it. What can you do in your corner of the world? I really want to focus on what I can do to spread light. When a storm hits and our electricity is knocked out, we run for the flashlight and candles. With light, we can move through obstacles and see the path before us. Right now we are in a storm and it's raging but we can gather our candles and flashlights to bring light into the darkness. If each person can bring their light to their corner it will eventually spread and light up the whole world.

God's light gives us spiritual sight and understanding. It enables us to see far enough ahead to take steps forward. We may not see miles before us but God does light our path enough to continue forward, even if it is just one step at a time.

There is great comfort in Jesus being the Light of the world and I am encouraged through reading what God says about Light. The very presence of light gets rid of darkness. Light doesn't fight darkness. It dispels it by entering into darkness with its presence. Light warms and welcomes. Light creates peace and hope.

# Benediction

God has called and chosen you to be witnesses to hope and peace in God's world. Go in peace and this same healing, reconciling love and peace will be with you. Go and serve the Lord your God in all that you do. AMEN.

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