

**Hope Presbyterian Church  
Service for the Lord's Day  
Second Sunday After Epiphany**

January 17, 2021

10:30 A.M.

**Prologue**

*Now Bless the Lord, My Soul*

J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

Peter Loveman

**Prelude**

*Air*

Gottlieb Moffat

**Call to Worship** (Unison)

Andy Young

**It is the great desire of God, expressed by Jesus, that we might come to him and abide in him. He waits for us tirelessly, hoping that, united to him in love, we will bear fruit that will bring life to all. Faced with the difference of 'the other,' we risk withdrawing into ourselves and seeing only that which separates us. But let us listen to how Christ calls us to abide in his love, and so bear much fruit.**

**Hymn 450**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

**Invitation to Confession**

Andy Young

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. So let us acknowledge our failure and disobedience, and return to the Lord with penitence and faith.

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**O God, whose will it is that all your children should be one in Christ; we pray for the unity of your Church. Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith, of understanding and of charity, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is a scandal to the world and an offence to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all those who call upon you and confess the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(A moment for silent confession.)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Andy Young

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Congregational Response**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

Bernadette Farrell

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*

**Passing of the Peace**

Andy Young

**Scripture Lesson**

John 15:1-17; Psalm 103

## Message

"Abide in My Love and You Shall Bear Much Fruit"

Rev. Dr. David Freeman

## Hymn 703

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love For Me*  
(verses 1 and 3)

St. Catherine

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together the prayer Christ taught us ...

**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 300

*We Are One in the Spirit*  
(verses 1, 2, and 4)

They'll Know We Are Christians

## Blessing and Sending

### Congregational Response

#### Hymn 192

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*  
(Refrain)

Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.*

*Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.*

*Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!*

## Postlude

*March*

B. Yarnold

We welcome to our pulpit this morning Rev. Dr. David Freeman, Senior Pastor of Weatherly Heights Baptist Church. Dr. Freeman is a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham, AL and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He did his Doctor of Ministry studies at Southern Seminary with a focus on homiletics. He has an avid interest in disability issues, interfaith dialogue, sustainable farming practices, and creating a genuinely caring community at Weatherly. When not at work, Dr. Freeman enjoys gardening, exercise, reading, camping, and spending time with his family. He and his wife Kelly have three daughters: Challice, Hannah and Clara.

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## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)  
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)  
 Bb Eb Ab Bb



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)  
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)  
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

# Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

## Christ, Be Our Light

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

## 703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can  
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but  
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to  
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me  
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,  
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness  
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.  
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.  
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

# We Are One in the Spirit 300

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

# 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)  
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (Am/G) (F) (D7sus) (D7)  
A E F#m D A Bm Bm/A G E7sus E7

Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)  
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)  
A E F#m D A Bm E7 A

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8/Mark 9:2-8/Luke 9:28-36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.