



**Order of Worship**  
**4th Sunday in Lent**

**March 19th, 2023, 10am**

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

**Prelude**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
arr. by Carol Tornquist

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Responsive Call to Worship** (Ephesians 5:8-14)

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-  
**for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.**

Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

**Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.**

For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

**Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."**

**\*Opening Hymn** *GTG No.377*

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

**\*Invocation**

**Scripture Reading**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"

Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."

Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

**Scripture Reading** (cont.)

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD."

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."

Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**We are like those who see, but do not see. We see the trappings, the things that we have turned from you to value. You heal the sight of the blind. We pray that you will heal our sight, so we will see with your eyes the wonder and the beauty, and your likeness in every human being.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Children's Time**

**Unison Prayer for Illumination**

**Give us eyes to see,  
Ears to hear,  
And hearts to respond  
Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Synopsis of John 9:1-41

1. Jesus sees someone blind from birth
2. Question: who sinned to make him blind
3. Jesus: Neither, but to show God's works
4. I am the light of the world
5. Made mud with spittle, put on man's eyes
6. Instructions: Go wash in a special pool—which he did and he came back seeing
7. Discussion: is he the beggar? How were you're eyes opened?
8. Jesus did. Where is he? I don't know.
9. Religious leaders get involved, divided, keep asking the poor guy. Didn't believe
10. Prophet?
11. Then start harassing parents:
12. Yes, our son, born blind, now sees
13. Keep harassing parents
14. Then back to him
15. Man speaks up! Amazing! You don't know where he comes from, but he opened my eyes. God listens to him, so he's not a sinner. Never before a blind from birth person been healed. If he's not from God, he couldn't do anything.
16. Religious leaders drive him out of the city, as a sinner
17. Jesus and man again: Man: I want to believe in him.  
Jesus: I am the one that healed you.  
Man: Lord, I believe and he worshipped him.
18. Religious leaders: But we aren't blind, are we?  
Jesus: Yep!



**Sermon**

"I Can See Clearly Now"

**\*Hymn of Response No. 280**

"Amazing Grace"

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**You have richly blessed us and you invite us to be a part of your blessing for the world. Give us grateful and cheerful hearts as we join your mission in this world. Amen.**



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

**\*Closing Song GTG No. 192**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

"The Glory of These Forty Day"  
arr. by Lyndell Leatherman

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***Thank you to these members who are helping with worship today-***

***AV: Steve Simpson***

***Liturgist: Heather McAdoo***

***Fellowship: Kathie & Larry Jacobs***



**Lilies for Easter**

We are offering lilies at **\$11 each** to decorate the sanctuary for Easter worship. Proceeds from lily sales will be used for our church mission activities. Please place your order by **March 30th**. \*Order forms are at the back of the Sanctuary.



## Lent Book Study

Grab a cup of coffee after worship and join us for a 7-week study on the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. The study will run on Sundays from February 19th through April 2nd. Topics for each week include:

- ✓ Week One, Feb 19 & 26: **Dust and Ash Wednesday**
- ✓ Week Two, March 5: **Bread**
- ✓ Week Three, March 12: **Cross**
- ⇒ Week Four, March 19: **Coins**
- Week Five, March 26: **Shoes**
- Week Six, March 2: **Oil**
- Week Seven, April 16: **Holy Week and Easter Sunday**



**Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:  
\*details on each event in your eNews\***

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## Church Calendar

### Sunday, March 19th

#### 4th Sunday in Lent

10 am	Sunday Worship
11:15 am	Fellowship Hour & Lent Book Study
7:30 pm	AA & Al-Anon meetings

### Monday, March 20th

7 pm	Deacons Meeting
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### Tuesday, March 21st

10 am	Free Panera
7 pm	Session Meeting (rescheduled)
7 pm	Bridge Class

### Saturday, March 25th

5-6:30 pm	Community Dinner (Spaghetti & Meatballs)
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## Monthly Family Promise Coordinator Update

**Static Site Update:** A *static site* would centralize our offices, meeting spaces, and living space for six to eight families into a single building. We are actively considering two possible static site locations, are open to considering other possibilities, and will keep you updated!



*Our first permanent supportive housing apartments in Geneva*

### **Permanent Supportive Housing Update:**

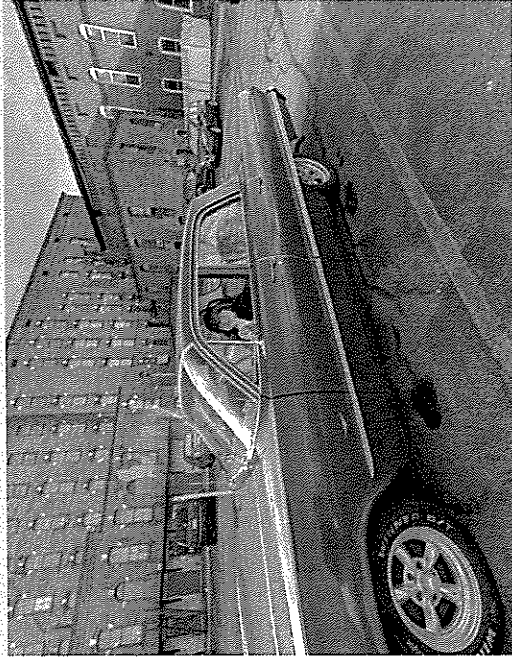
*In a permanent supportive housing arrangement, the parents sign a lease directly with a landlord. Family Promise offers landlords financial incentives to rent to our graduates and provides intensive ongoing case management to help those graduates become successful tenants. One family has moved from emergency shelter into permanent supportive housing, and two more families should do so by the end of the month. We hope to turn most of our emergency apartments into permanent supportive housing spaces when we open a static site.*

**Emergency Shelter Guest Updates:** We are currently hosting 6 single moms, 1 single dad, and 24 children in our Emergency Shelter Apartments, and one just-vacated apartment is open.

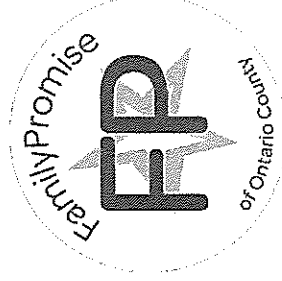
- **Geneva:** We lease two emergency apartments on Elm Street. One of those recently became vacant when the mom and her baby moved into permanent supportive housing. The second will also open up at the end of the month when the mom with three children moves into a second permanent supportive housing apartment. *We would love to have a couple Geneva area congregations adopt those apartments and help us get them ready for new occupants!* A single mom with seven children in our North Exchange Street apartment continues to work with Pathstone Housing to acquire a Section 8 supported loan, with the goal of purchasing her own home.

- **East Bloomfield:** The East Bloomfield UMC Parsonage just welcomed a single father with three children.
- **Canandaigua:** We are hosting four families in Canandaigua. A mom with three kids is now sheltering in our Saltonstall Street apartment. Another mom with two boys and a baby girl occupies the downstairs apartment on Chapin Street. The upstairs Chapin Street apartment hosts a young mother with an 18 month-old son. A mom with three children – two with special needs – is sheltering in our new Bristol Street apartment.

**Gift Card Support for Families:** With the reduction of SNAP benefits to pre-pandemic levels, more families than ever are facing food insecurity. Last month, I sent your 26 congregations an email plea for help with gas and grocery cards during one week in the winter or spring and a second week in the summer or fall. I've heard back from most of you. Our families will be grateful for your help keeping food on the table and gas in their vehicles. Walmart, Tops and Aldi are the preferred grocery cards. Speedway is a popular gas card as it can be designated for "fuel purchases only." If you did not receive that email, please let me know! Upcoming congregational support weeks:



March 12 First United Methodist Church Geneva  
March 19 First Baptist Church Manchester  
March 26 First Congregational Church of Canandaigua  
April 2 St. John's Episcopal Church Canandaigua  
April 9 United Church of Canandaigua  
April 16 East Bloomfield United Methodist Church



**Child Development Class for Guests and Graduates:** Three Clifton Springs Pod members – Kay Viggiani, Louise Jones, and Peg Carlson - will be leading a four-week Child Development class for guest and graduate parents on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to noon, beginning April 11. Lunch and on-site child supervision will be provided. If you know anyone who might like to attend, give them Jay's contact information!

**Volunteer Needs:**

- We are looking for help with **child supervision** at the Canandaigua Day Center on Friday mornings, March 24 and 31, and for **outings** (time and place TBD) on Monday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 5. Parents and staff will also be present. Let Jay know if you know anyone who might be willing to help.
- Our grant that paid for **cleaning the day center** has ended. If someone you know feels called to serve in that way, we'd be immensely grateful for once-a-week or twice-a-month assistance!
- Could a Geneva-area congregation help with cleaning and **resetting our Elm Street apartments, and then offering hospitality** to the families who move in to them?

**Prayer Requests:** Please offer these prayers!

- Prayers for new friends, good neighbors, and a happy home for a young mother who just moved into her own apartment.
- Prayers for workplace success for a mom who just got a new job.
- Prayers for a great outcome for a dad seeking new professional employment.
- Prayers for the thousands of working poor families whose SNAP benefits have been reduced.
- Prayers for better luck on a graduate dad's next driver's test.

Thanks for all that you do in support of our mission!

With Gratitude,  
Jay Garrett-Larsen,  
Community & Landlord Engagement Manager

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# 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love

## Is Shining Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) (C) (G) (D) (G) (G) (D) (G)

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the  
 2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the  
 3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our

(C) (G) (C) (D) (C) (D) (D)

midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the  
 shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may  
 fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) (Em7) (C) (D) (Bm7)

World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now  
 en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my  
 glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) (F) (Dsus)(D) (F) (Dsus)(D)

bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.  
 dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.  
 sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

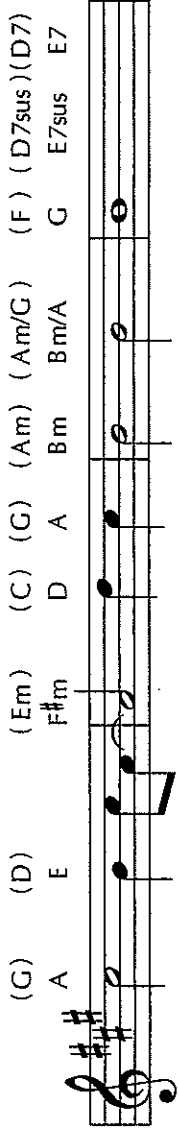
Refrain (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)

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

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.

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



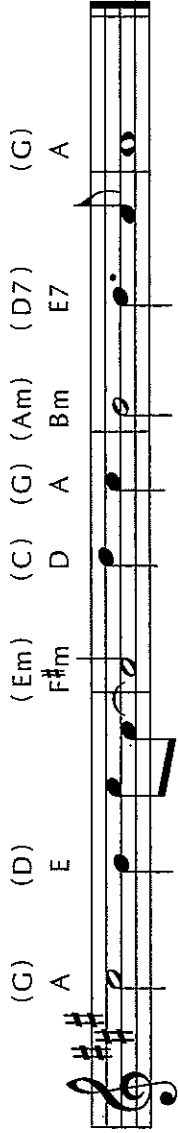
Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

(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.



# 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author/composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

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 10.7.10.8 with refrain

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.