

**This Little Light of Mine**

**Image: Sun**

**Liturgy- Rev. Dr. Heather Elkins**

**North Eastern Jurisdiction**

**Sunday, February 24**

**7:30 am -8:30 am**

**Bishops Procession**

**Message- Bishop Ken Carter**

*Worship team centering prayer and check in at 6:00 am*

*Four Readers; two mics: Lectern, one wireless for Bishop Carter  
seminarians lead service*

*Choir dress in black at their place at 7:00am*

*Bishop Lineup 7:15 am*

*Rehearsal Saturday 7:00 pm*

*Four Readers:*

*Reader One: Ryan Runager, Candler Seminary*

*Reader Two: Emmanuel Ilunga, Claremont School of Theology*

*Reader Three: Uchenna Awa, Boston University School of Theology*

*Reader Four: Debi VanDenBoom, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary*

*Banners: Heather*

*Banner bearers dressed in black*

- 1. Sarah Mae Gabuyo, Wesley Theological Seminary*
- 2. Kimberly Brush, Claremont School of Theology*
- 3. Marcharkelti McKenzie, Gammon Theological Seminary*
- 4. Ana María Rodríguez, Boston University School of Theology*
- 5. Wellington Chiomadzi, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary*
- 6. Taeshin Kim, Drew, Drew Theological School*
- 7. Chuck Beattie, Candler School of Theology*
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*Prayer:*

- 1. Felix Tshibang, Drew Theological School*
- 2. Laura Quackenbush-Steele, Drew Theological School*

7:00am Gathering Music

**“Say The Name” (Worship Team)**

Say the name of Jesus, say the name of Jesus Say the name of Jesus, no other name I know

Say the name of Jesus, say the name of Jesus Say the name of Jesus, no other name I know

That can calm your fears, and dry your tears And wipe away your pain;  
When you don't know what else to pray When you can't find the words to say  
Say the name Jesus, Jesus  
Jesus, Jesus Jesus, Jesus Jesus, Jesus  
He's gonna make a way when you say...  
When you don't know what else to pray (don't know what else to pray)  
When you don't know what else to say (can't find the words to say)  
When you can't make it through another day, say the name

***“God Of Grace and God of Glory”*** arr. J. Raney (Conference Choir)  
***“I Sing Because I’m Happy”*** Rollo Dilworth

7:30am Procession of Bishops

***“Lift High the Cross”***( UMH 159) (CCLI)

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine.

[Refrain]

2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (Portuguese)

[Refrain]

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. (Korean)

[Refrain]

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

***“Shine Jesus Shine”*** (FWS 2173)

Refrain:

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

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter your brightness Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me

***“Akekho Ofana No Jesu”***(Zulu)

Akekho ofana no jesu (There’s no one like Jesus)

Akekho ofana naye (There’s no one like Him)  
siyahamba, siyahamba, akeko akeko (We search-there is no one)

siyafuna siyafuna akeko (We turn- there is no one)  
siyajika siyajika akeko (We walk- there is no one)

**\*Call to Worship:**

**Reader One:** Dearly Beloved, the shadows of morning are deep,

**P: But the Sun is rising.**

**Reader One:** Dearly Beloved, when the Dayspring arrives, who will we be?

**P: We are water-washed and Spirit-born. We are anointed, beloved and free!**<sup>1</sup>

**\*Bringing the Light** Hymn: ***“Siyahamba” OneLicense***

*(Processional of seminary students carrying sun-colored banners. They will come down the aisles, cross in front and place banners near the edge of the dais/stage-placement will be determined at site based on choir and sightlines. They will then be seated in a row on the conference floor.)*

Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',  
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos', Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',  
Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh, Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'.  
Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh, Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'.

We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching, ooh, We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching, ooh, We are marching in the light of God

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\*Prayer for Illumination: **Reader Two**

God of Grace and God of glory, grant us wisdom at the beginning of this day.  
Light of light, may your Word be the lamp that illuminates our way.

\*Scripture Reading: John 8:12 **Reader Two**

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

Proclamation in Song:

*"Everlasting God"*

Worship Team &

Choir

The Lord is my light and salvation  
Whom shall I fear?  
Whom shall I be afraid? [x2]

I will wait on you, I will wait on you  
I will trust in you, I will trust in you

[Choir:]  
The Lord is my light and salvation  
Whom shall I fear?  
Whom shall I be afraid? [x2]

I will wait on you, I will wait on you  
I will trust in you, I will trust in you

[Leader:]  
I will remain confident in this I will see the goodness of the Lord

[Choir:]  
I will remain confident in this I will see the goodness of the Lord  
The Lord is my light and salvation Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I be afraid [x2]  
I will wait on you, I will wait on you [x2]  
I will trust in you, I will trust in you [x2]  
I will remain confident in this I will see the goodness of the Lord [x2]

[Leader:]  
We set our hope on You  
We set our hope on Your love  
We set our hope on the One who is the Everlasting God  
You are the Everlasting God, You are the Everlasting

[Choir:]  
We set our hope on You

We set our hope on Your love  
We set our hope on the One who is the Everlasting God  
You are the Everlasting God, You are the Everlasting [x3]

[Leader:]

We will remain confident in this We will see the goodness of the Lord

[Choir:]

We will remain confident in this we will see the goodness of the Lord [x2]

[Leader:]

We will wait on you, I will wait on you

We will trust in you, I will trust in you

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2: 13-16; 3: 20-21; 4: 1-3

Bishop Ken Carter

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. 15 He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, 16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Message:

*“The Cross and The Flame”*

Bishop Ken Carter

Music Ministry:

*“The Face of God”*

Conference Choir

Arranged: Mark Hayes

\*Prayer of the People: *These Hands* Reader Three

*The leader/reader is at the lectern and two prayer leaders are at the right and the left side of the stage.*

*(People stand, hands over chest.)*

L: Will you stand in body or in spirit and join in prayer?

Living God, We take a few deep breaths.

*(Pause for at least three breaths. Then make fists and raise them line by line.)*

We live in a time of clenching fists:

In anger that threatens,

In greed that clutches,

in worry and fear that tense and tighten.

This is no way to live.

*(Open hands and thrust them outward, as if breaking chains.)*

And so, we let go.

We take a few deep breaths.

*(Pause. Lower hands, palms open, facing upward)*

Our hands are empty.

We acknowledge our powerlessness.

We are not in control.

We are but humble protagonists in your great story of love.

We receive your grace that heals, forgives, and liberates.

This is the way to live.

And so, we open our hands, our hearts, our minds, our doors.

Ahhh!

We take a few deep breaths.

*(Facing palms outward,)*

We extend our hands in blessing.

As we have been blessed, so we bless.

We hold no weapons and make no threats.

We seek peace with all and we make peace for all.

It is better for us to give than to receive.

Make us instruments of your peace, Living God.

We surrender our lives to your purposes.

May your Spirit fill our lives and work through these hands.

Amen!

*(Pause, hands pressed together over heart.)*

We open our eyes.

We see your light in one another:

a flickering candle in the dark,

a quiet glow at dawn,

a rising sun for this new day.

We call forth that light in one another,

And we honor one another with these hands.

May the peace of Christ rise in you.

*(People silently turn and honor one another, by sharing the sign for light.)<sup>2</sup>*

\*Song: “This Little Light of Mine” (1 verse) CCLI

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine!

\*Sending the Light

**Reader Four:** What will you do with this light?

**P: Let it shine. ( French)**

**Reader Four:** Should you hide it? Try to keep it safe?

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<sup>2</sup> Brian McLaren, in *Divine Echoes: Reconciling Prayer with the Uncontrolling Love of God* by Mark Gregory Karris, QUOIR, 2018, pp. 198-9. Used with permission.

**P: Let it shine! ( Swahili)**

**Reader Four:** Will you share it? Is it yours, is it mine?

**P: Let it shine. Let it shine! ( Spanish)**

**Reader Four:** Where will the light go when it leaves our hands?

**P: Don't be afraid. It returns to the Son. Let it shine!**<sup>3</sup>

**Reader Four:** Let us each sing in our own heart language!

**\*Recessional of Banners: “This Little Light of Mine” CCLI**

*(Seminary students rise and pick up their banners and recess them down the aisles and out.)*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine!

Don't you dare to blow it out. I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't you dare to blow it out. I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't you dare to blow it out. I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

Everywhere we go, we're gonna let it shine.

Everywhere we go, we're gonna let it shine.

Everywhere we go, we're gonna let it shine.

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

All around the world, we're gonna let it shine.

All around the world, we're gonna let it shine.

All around the world, we're gonna let it shine.

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

**Benediction:**

**Bishop Ken Carter:** Dearly Beloved, be confident of this, that the One who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

**P: Amen. Let it shine!**

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