

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

**1 O Splendor of God's glory bright,
from light eternal bringing light,
O Light, of light the fountain-spring,
O Day, all days illumining:**

**2 Come, very Sun of truth and love,
pour down your radiance from above,
and shed the Holy Spirit's ray
on all we think or do today.**

**3 Teach us to work with all our might,
put Satan's fierce assaults to flight;
turn all to good that seems most ill,
help us our calling to fulfill.**

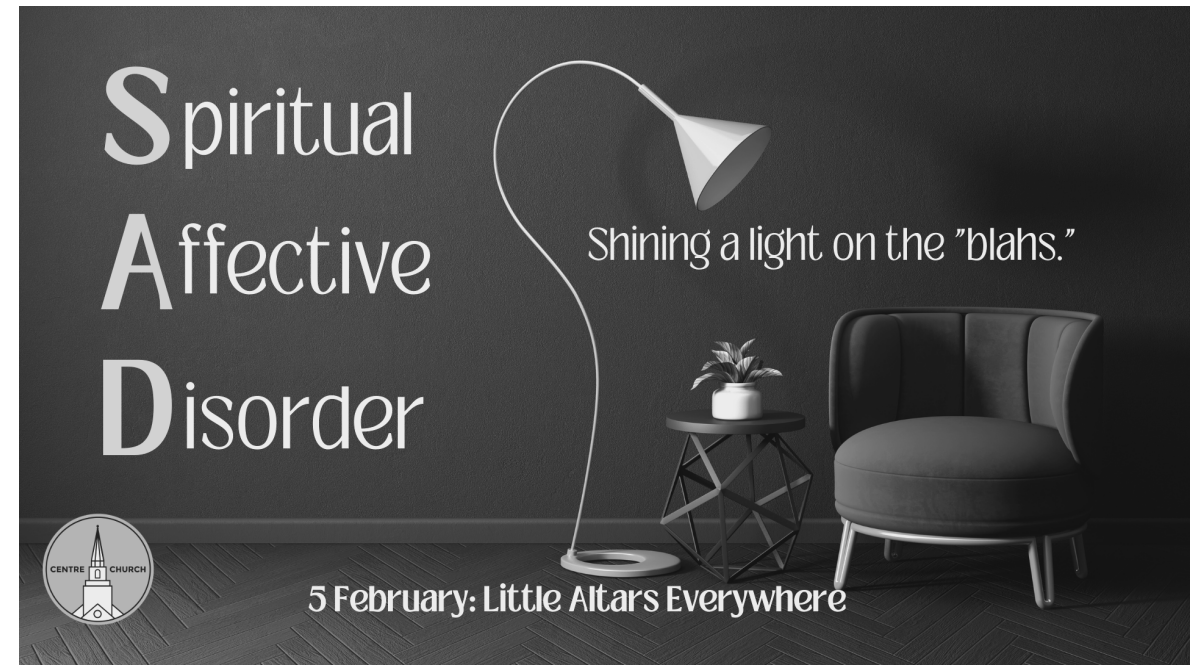
**4 O joyful be the passing day,
our thoughts as pure as morning ray,
our faith like noonday's glowing height,
our souls undimmed by shades of night.**

**5 All praise to God the Father be,
all praise to Christ eternally,
whom with the Spirit we adore
forever and forevermore.**

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

February 5, 2023

10:00 am

WE GATHER
Prelude

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast

Price

Welcome and Announcements

Threshold

Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith

arr. Chuck Bell

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
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and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid,
think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Opening Prayer

Lauren Patriquin-Muise:

Let us pray: Abiding God, we give thanks for your steadfast presence in all places. Open our eyes to the light of possibilities, even when the day ahead holds difficulties. Be with us, near us, beside us. Amen.

Opening Hymn

**When Morning Gilds the Skies*

#86

*stand as you are able

When Morning Gilds the Sky

1 When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry: May Jesus Christ be praised! in all our work and prayer we ask his loving care: May Jesus Christ be praised!	3 Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!
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2 To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry: May Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals too upraise their voices in hymns of praise: May Jesus Christ be praised!	4 Be this, when day is past, of all our thoughts the last: May Jesus Christ be praised! The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised!
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5 Then let us join to sing
to Christ, our loving King:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

1 Jesus, the joy of loving hearts, fount of our lives, and light of all: From every bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled, to hear your call.	3 We taste of you, the living bread, and long to feast upon you still; We drink of you the fountainhead; our thirsty souls from you we fill.
4 For you our restless spirits yearn, wher-e're our changing lot is cast; Glad when your smile on us you turn, blessed, when by faith we hold you fast.	

Our ushers today are Annmarie Pendola, Kathi Martin, Dwight Decker,
and David Bjorkman
Our Coffee Hour host today is Annmarie Pendola..

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WE PROCLAIM

Mini Message

Laraine Wilson

**More light, more truth
is breaking from Your Word.**

**More light, more truth,
Holy Spirit, help us hear what needs to be heard.**

Word in Music

Christ Be With Me

Tarney

The Hebrew Scripture

Psalms 112:1-9

Lauren Patriquin-Muise

Response

A Word of God for the People of God,
People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"The Blessings of Those Who Fear God"

The Rev. Nancy Butcher

WE RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Choral Response

**Open unto me, peace for my turmoil,
peace for my turmoil, open unto me.
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil,
open unto me, O God.**

Offering

Call to the Offering

Offertory *Let Us Break Bread Together* Harm. Hurd
*Hymn of Praise (unison) Tune: Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Living God, whom we adore**

Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, you know our inmost being. You know all that we are, all that we know, all that we think, and all that we believe. When those thoughts, beliefs, ideas, and be-ings turn from you, we long to be placed back on Your Path. We pray that our lives might be a never-ending offering to you, and that our sin might lead to more ways to learn and grow closer to your hopes for us. Cleanse us of our sin; turn our thoughts and feet ever toward Your Way. We pray this together in the name of your Son Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Pastor: The mercy of God is unending, the love of God is all encompassing, and the peace we share in Chris is unfathomable. Knowing this, know that we are forgiven, today and all days.

All: Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymn *Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts* #329
verses 1, 3, 4

Invitation
Blessing of the Elements
Communion Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)
Holy One, we praise you for this heavenly banquet that You have freely given us. Nourished by your holy food, send us out as one people, full of vision and courage, to prepare the way for Your Kingdom. May we pour out your righteousness wherever we go, lighting up the darkness with truth, speaking out hope where there is despair, and weaving Your unconditional love into all we do. Send us now in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit. May we live to be all that you have destined us to be. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

Practices for the Week

Closing Hymn

**O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* #87

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in C Major Buxtehude