

St. John's (Hain's) United Church of Christ

April 28, 2024 9:30 a.m.

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light of the world.

Matthew 5:14

Welcome to St. John's (Hain's) UCC

Celebrating Traditions of the Past

Connections in the Present

Building for the Future

We are glad that you are here today!

The **bold** parts of the service are for the congregation to offer to God.

The * symbol in the bulletin indicates that you are invited to stand.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Lauda
Alla Rigaudon

16th c. Italian, arr. Steve Bernstein
Anonymous, ed. Reba Paeff Mirsky

RINGING THE HAIN'S BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME AND SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joan Fessler, Consistory President

PRELUDE

Courante

Michael Praetorius, arr. Steve Bernstein

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN #550** We Are the Church

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess what seems always with us: broken things within us that seem never to mend, empty places within us that seem always to ache, things like buds within us that seem never to flower, your light within us that we hold inside. O God of love and grace, help us accept ourselves; lead us to do those good and true things that are not compromised by anything within us. As much as can be, mend us, fill us, make us bloom, let us shine! For all these things, we give you glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***TIME OF PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PRAISE RESPONSE** HYMN #373 Change My, Heart O God

***SIGN OF PEACE**

ANTHEM

Christ Be In My Waking

Stuart Townend and Simon Brading
arr. by Larry Shackley

*Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising,
in my day of working, with me ev'ry hour.
Christ be in my resting as the day is ending,
calming and refreshing, watching through the night.
Christ be in my thinking and my understanding,
guarding me from evil, walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking, ev'ry word a blessing,
pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear.*

*Jesus, this is my devotion,
all my life to know You, ev'ry day to walk with You.
Savior, You're my deepest longing; You're the one I live for;
teach me, Lord to walk with You.*

*Christ be in my gladness, for the joy of living,
thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow, in my day of darkness,
knowing that I follow in the steps He trod.
Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to,
ev'ry pleasure jaded, ev'ry well is dry.
Christ the loving Shepherd draws me with His kindness,
leads me from the desert to the streams of life.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offerings are received, both before and after the worship service, in the offering plates located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support of Christ's mission and ministry at Hain's UCC!

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #34** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

What an abundance of gifts we have to offer: musical talent, the melody of laughter, the use of our hands in cooking and repairs and the use of our minds in problem solving; curiosity, compassion, patience, urgency, spiritual reservoirs, financial resources, obedience, and courage to act. All these gifts, and others which bear our personal marks, are symbolized in our offering for the work of the church. Let us commit ourselves in service as we worship God with our offerings. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

After the children's sermon, Time with Young Christians will continue in Room 202 with adult volunteers. There will be a lesson, crafts, activities and playtime.

SCRIPTURE READINGS J. Calvin Gerhard

Matthew 5:13-16

1 Peter 2:9-12

***HYMN #319** Shine, Jesus, Shine

SERMON "You Are the Light of the World"

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 #559** Here I Am, Lord

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" on How Firm a Foundation

Craig Phillips

CHIMES

Go forth

Serving Together in Faith, Hope and Love.

Work for reconciliation and the unity of the Body of Christ.

Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before God.

All Members Are Ministers

PASTOR MARK ON VACATION

Pastor Mark is on vacation and will return to the office on May 2. If you need pastoral care in his absence, please call the church office at 610-678-2133, or you can contact Rev. Mary Etta Mest directly at 610-659-2775 or via email at mestme@aol.com.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO THE REVEREND PAUL CRONIN

Reverend Paul Cronin lives in Bernville with his wife, Lauren, and five of his children. The kids attend school at Conrad Weiser West Elementary and Middle Schools. Paul received his undergraduate degree from LaRoche College, also attending the University of Pittsburgh. He has an MDiv. from Lancaster Theological Seminary and has served churches in New Holland, upstate New York, Easton, Leesport and Myerstown. He was one of the founding Pastors of New Creation UCC in Easton, a consolidation of three inner city congregations that created a new style and mission geared toward progressive evangelism. Paul and Lauren have 11 children, and by April 28 will have 14 grandchildren.

THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S PARTICIPANTS

Linda Gerber, Greeter

J. Calvin Gerhard, Lector

Robin Lamm and Katie Spengler, Time with Young Christians

MAY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Because of the special program in recognition of Rogation Sunday on May 5, we will celebrate Holy Communion during the worship service on May 12 instead of May 5.

HANDICAP ENTRANCES

The handicap access "Push to Open" buttons at both handicap entrances are now operational when the doors are unlocked for events.

MEALS MINISTRY

We are adding a Meals Ministry into the life of Hain's UCC. We are looking for individuals who are willing to make a meal or two for people who are in need on a short-term basis after an illness or when returning home from a hospitalization. If you can join in this support ministry, please contact Pastor Mark at pastor@stjhains.org – you will be most welcome!

ANNIE GAUL CONCERT

You are invited to attend the Annie Gaul Concert today at 4:00 p.m. Our guests will be the Afterhours Jazz Band and the Choraleers from Conrad Weiser High School. Please join us to support our local young musicians!

**LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP ON ROGATION SUNDAY
SIGN UP TODAY!**

On Sunday, May 5, we will have a baked potato and taco bar after the worship service. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the coatroom by April 28. We hope to see you there. If you are able to help with this event, please contact Linda Staudt at (610) 507-2846.

MOTHER / DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Friday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the social room. It is a family-style dinner served by the men of Hain's. The entertainment, featuring singing and tap dancing, will be provided by Craig Caltagirone. Tickets will be on sale today and on Sunday, May 5, in the coatroom before and after the church services.

Adults and children ages 13 and over - \$10.00
Children ages 6 to 12 - \$6.00
Children ages 5 and under eat free

COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET IN THE GROVE

Join us in the grove on Saturday, May 11, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (rain or shine) and set up a table to sell your no-longer-wanted treasures. This is a great opportunity for us to spread the good news of Hain's UCC by connecting and interacting with members of the community. Food will be available for purchase. Spaces cost \$10; payment in advance is appreciated. Contact Curt Flory at 610-207-5045 to reserve your spot, and invite your friends and families to join us, either as vendors or as treasure seekers.

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

We would like to honor our high school and college graduates! Please call the church office at 610-678-2133 or email church@stjhains.org by May 13 to make sure we have your graduate's name, the school from which he or she is graduating, and post-graduation plans. If a college student, please include the graduate's degree/major. We are proud of all of our graduates and want to make sure that no one is missed!

CLOTHING DRIVE

The Mission Committee is organizing a Clothing Drive for Hope Rescue Mission during the month of April. Please bring your clean but still usable men's, women's and children's clothing, all seasons: specifically, shirts, pants, dresses, socks, hats, coats, scarves, belts, purses, backpacks and new underwear. There is a donation area in the coatroom and an overflow area in the Sunday School classroom.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Request cards are located on a table in the Narthex. If you have a prayer request, please write it on a Prayer Request card and deposit the card in the offering plate either before or after the service. Pastor Mark will lift up in prayer your requests at the altar after the service, and the cards will remain on the altar for the week as constant prayers before God.

TEAM ONE:27

With Consistory's approval, the loose plate offerings during the month of April will be donated to Team One:27, the local arm of Divine Ministries, the orphanage we've been supporting in Haiti for the past nine years. The news is very grim. Gangs control 80% of Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. Divine Ministries has been forced to abandon their orphanage in the neighboring town of Carrefour and move all the children to Les Cayes, approximately six hours west. There are 80 children and 25 workers who rarely know when or where their next meal is coming from. Funds are needed to purchase what food remains available in Haiti. Please prayerfully consider feeding these poor children through your loose plate donations in April. The Team One:27 newsletter containing contact information is available on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes. Please see Darryl Steffey if you have any questions or if you would like more information.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY

Attendance pads are located on each pew at the center aisle. Please fill in the information asked on the attendance sheet and pass it to the next person in the pew. After everyone in the pew has signed, please return the pad to its center-aisle location.

SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT VACANCY

Hain's UCC is seeking an experienced secretary/administrative assistant, effective June 3, 2024. This is a part-time, 25-30 hour/week, Monday through Friday position. The successful candidate must be proficient in Word, Outlook and Excel; be a self-starter and able to work independently; possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills; be organized, detail oriented, and able to multitask. Interested candidates should contact Mike Kauffman, Chairperson of the Elders, at 610-678-5450 or luv2cruise217@comcast.net.

THIS WEEK AT HAIN'S CHURCH

Sunday	4/28	8:15 a.m.	ECL/Bible Study
		9:30 a.m.	In-Person/Live-Streaming worship with The Reverend Paul Cronin
		10:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir
		4:00 p.m.	Annie Gaul Concert – Conrad Weiser High School Jazz Band and Choraleers
		5:30 p.m.	Cubs
		6:00 p.m.	Scouts
Monday	4/29	6:00 p.m.	Brownies/Jr. Girl Scouts
Wednesday	5/01	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	5/02	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday	5/05	8:15 a.m.	ECL/Bible Study
		9:30 a.m.	In-Person/Live-Streaming worship Rogation Sunday – no communion Baked Potato and Taco Bar after the service
		10:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir
		5:30 p.m.	Cubs

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday - 8:00 to noon

STAFF

Rev. Mark Johnson, Pastor
Marie Gelsinger Miller, Director of Music Ministry
Tina Grindrod, Financial Administrator/Cemetery Clerk
Nancy Flory, Church Secretary
Linda Gartner, Office Assistant
Chuck Knox, Custodian
Rev. Peter Goguts, Pastor Emeritus

LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN

Tim Gromis

We Are the Church

Refrain (Unison)

G C C2 Em7

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

Dsus Am D7 Am G Em

geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

Am D Bm Em Am G G

all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

G C

1 The church is not a build-ing, the church is not a stee - ple,

- 2 We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,
- 3 Some-times the church is march-ing, some-times it's brave - ly burn - ing,
- 4 And when the peo - ple gath - er, there's sing - ing and there's pray - ing,
- 5 At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re - ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it

D G C D to Refrain

the church is not a rest - ing place, the church is a peo - ple.
all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.
some-times it's rid - ing, some-times hid - ing, al - ways it's learn - ing.
there's laugh - ing and there's cry - ing some-times, all of it say - ing:
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

373 Change My Heart, O God

Unison

C Am7 Dm7 G7

Change my heart, O God, make it ev - er true.

C G/B Am7 Dm7

Change my heart, O God,

Dm7/G G7 C Esus E 3

may I be like you. You are the

Am Am7 Dm7 G C

Pot - ter, I am the clay;

Esus E Am C/D D7

mold me and make me, this is what I

Gsus G7 C Am7 Dm7

pray. Change my heart, O God,

G7 C G/B Am7

make it ev - er true. Change my heart, O God,

Dm7 Dm7/G G7 C

may I be like you.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

G D Em Bm Em D G D Em C G D

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G D $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{F\#dim}{A}$ G Em D Am $\frac{G}{B}$ D7 G

praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
 MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100th
 L.M.

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Unison
A D/A A E/A

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

A D/A A E/A D E/D

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

C#m F#m D E/D C#m F#m

world, shine up - on us, set us free by the truth you now bring us,
en - ter your bright - ness, search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness,
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry,

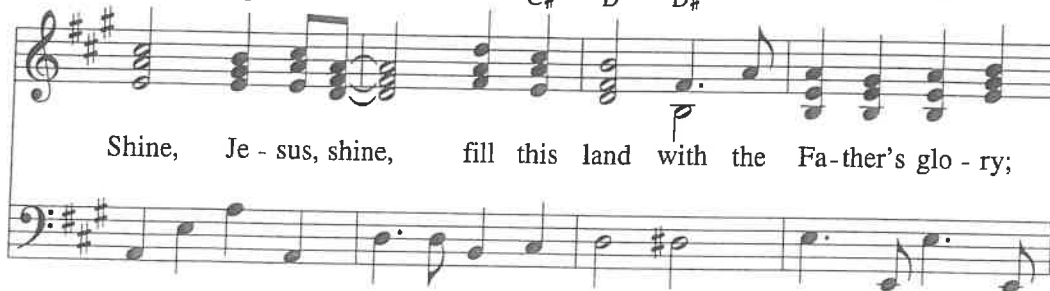
G Esus E G Esus E

shine on me,
shine on me,
shine on me,
shine on me,
shine on me.



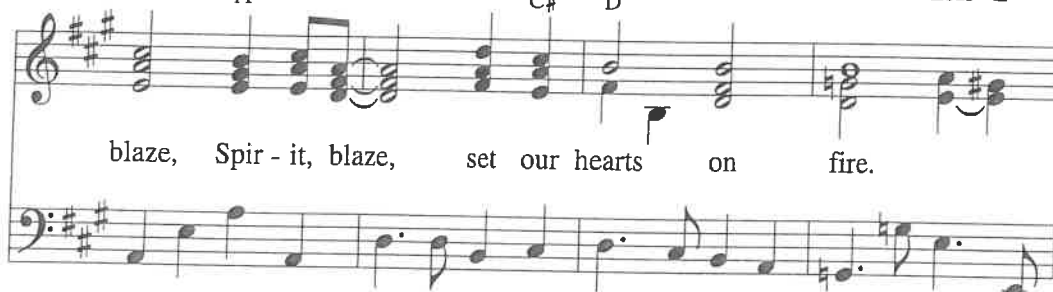
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Refrain A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Esus E Esus E



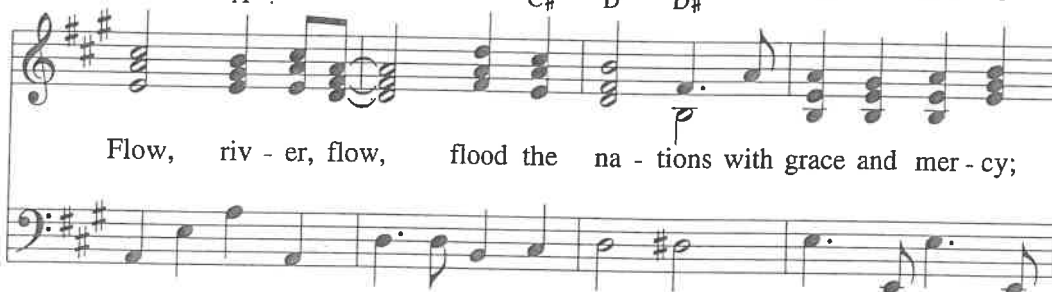
Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;

A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ Bm G Esus E



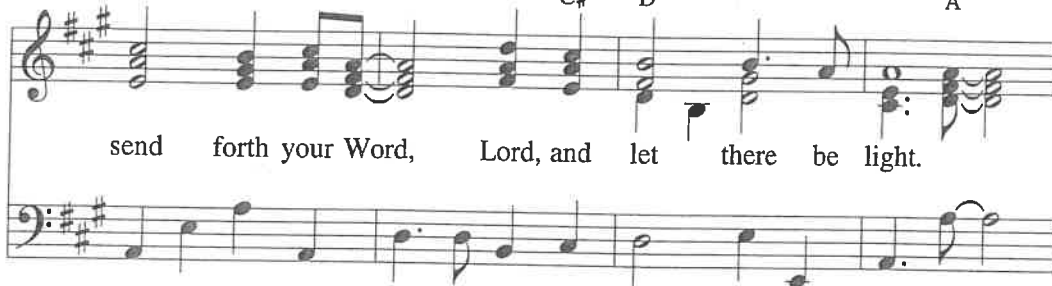
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Esus E Esus E



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

A $\frac{E}{A}$ A D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ E7 A $\frac{D}{A}$



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

1, 2

Final ending



$\frac{E}{A}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{E}{A}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A $\frac{D}{A}$ A

Here I Am, Lord

Unison
 G Am D7 C
 G G G G

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

G D G Em Am7 C

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

Am D7 D D G Am D7
 G G F# C G G G

my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,
 they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 my hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro - vide

C G D G Em
 G G G G Em

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

#559 continued

Am7 C Am $\frac{G}{B}$ C6 *slowing* D Refrain $\frac{D7}{F\#}$

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I

a tempo
 G Gsus G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ D7 G

am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

$\frac{Cmaj7}{G}$ Am $\frac{G}{B}$ C6 D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D

heard you call - ing in the night. I will

G Gsus G $\frac{C}{G}$ G $\frac{C}{E}$ D7 G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

Am7 $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{C}{G}$ G

hold your peo - ple in my heart.