

Welcome
to
Kirkwood!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Opening Hymn

“Rest On Us”

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 89)

Leader: Let us sing of God's steadfast
love forever;

**People: With my mouth I will proclaim
God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: Let us declare that God's
steadfast love is established forever;

**All: God's faithfulness is as firm as
the heavens.**

A Time for Children

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor.

Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation.

**Free us from the grave of self-hatred,
so that we can see ourselves as your
children.**

Leader: Please continue in silent
confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is sure.

**People: In Christ, we are forgiven and
set free from the chains that bind us,**

Leader: so that we can be your people.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.

On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.”

Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son."

He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

And Abraham looked up and saw a ram,
caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham
went and took the ram and offered it up
as a burnt offering instead of his son.

So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes
the one who sent me.

Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;

and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Mountain
Nobody Wanted
to Climb



















Glory to God #192

Middle Hymn

**“Lord, the Light of Your
Love Is Shining
(Shine, Jesus, Shine)”**

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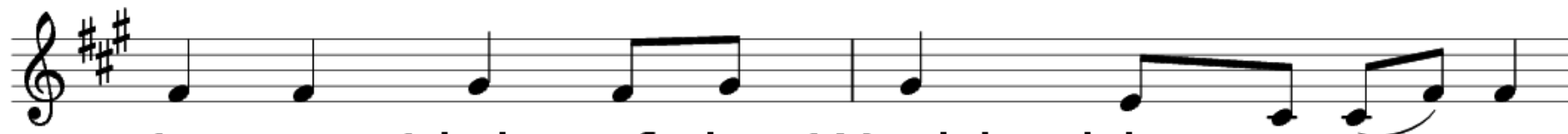
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1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,



in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;



Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us;



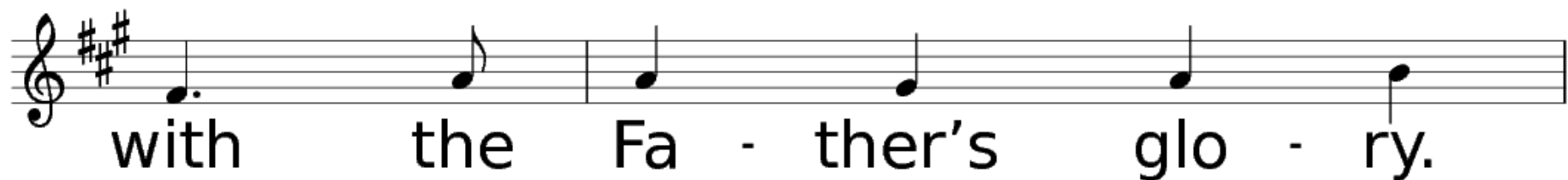
set us free by the truth you now bring us.



Shine on me; shine on me.



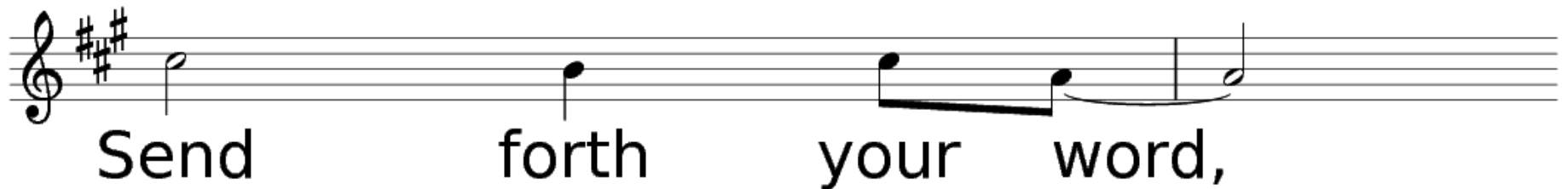
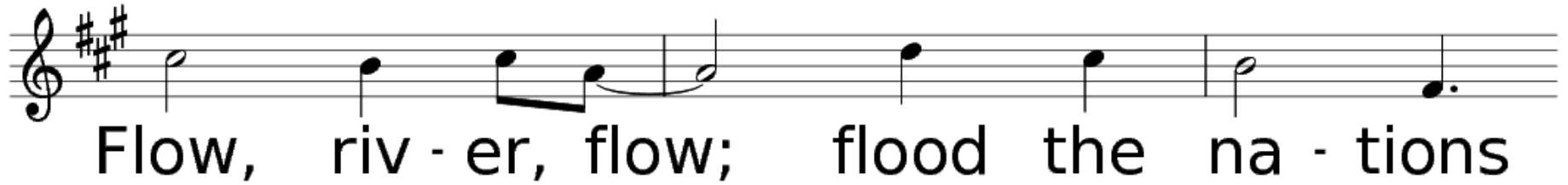
Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land



with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.



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





2. Lord, I come to your awe-some pres-ence,



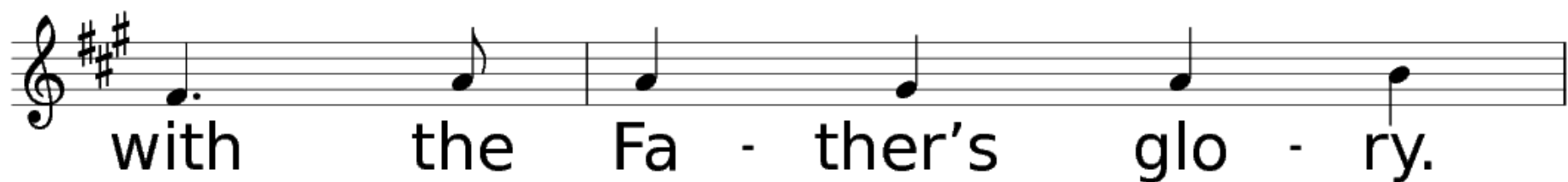
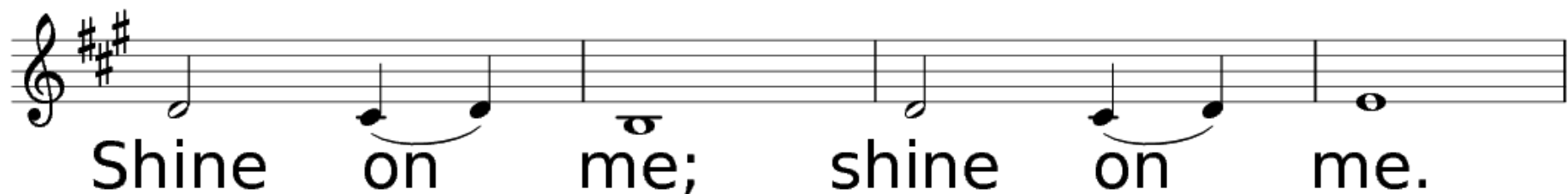
from the shad-ows in-to your ra-diance;

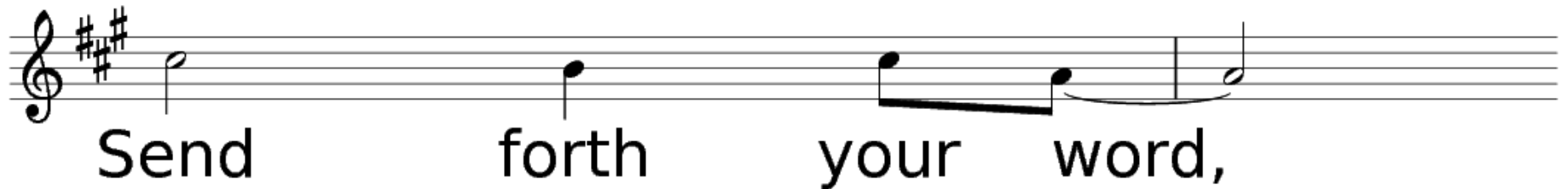
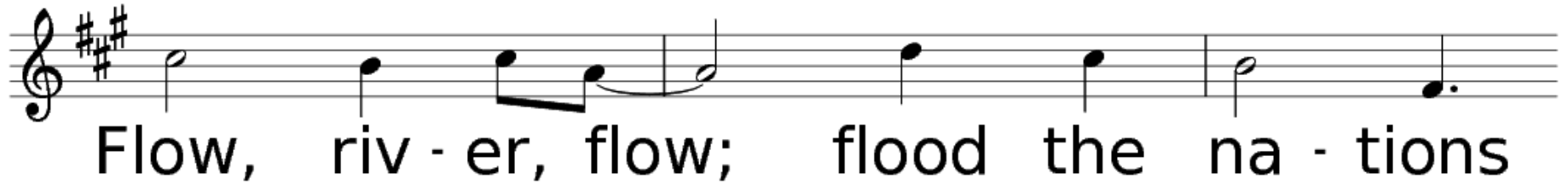


by the blood I may en-ter your bright-ness.



Search me; try me; con-sume all my dark-ness.







3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,



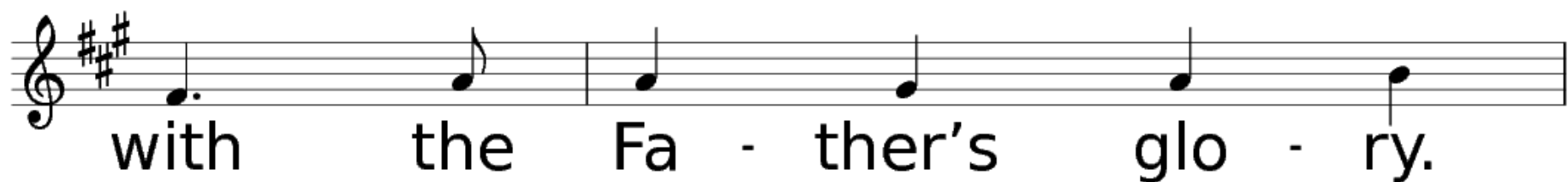
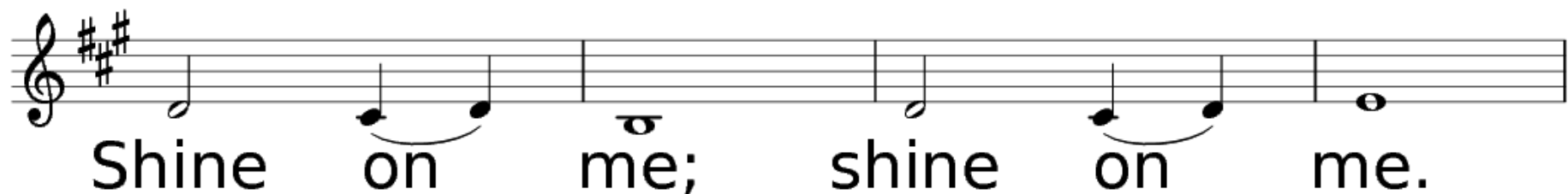
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness;

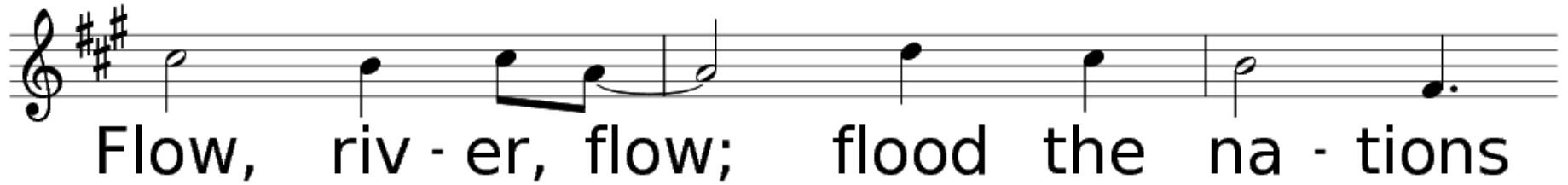


ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry.





Recognition of Graduate

Affirmation of Faith

(Apostles' Creed)

**I BELIEVE in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ,
his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on

the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge

the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Giving Thanks to God
with Our Tithes and
Offerings**

Offertory Song

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures
here below;**

**Praise God above,
ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son
and Holy Ghost.**

Amen.

(repeat Amen 6 times)

Prayer of Dedication

People: O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. Amen.

Closing Hymn

**“Amazing Grace
(My Chains Are Gone)”**

Charge and Blessing

