



*Jesus healing Simon Peter's mother-in-law*



**THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**A Service of the Word**

*February 7, 2021 ✦ 10:00 a.m.*

## The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have to fashion our own desert where we can withdraw every day... and dwell in the gentle healing presence of God.  
— *Henri J.M. Nouwen*

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection*

**Prelude** — “Sonata No. 4 - *Allegretto*” by Mendelssohn

*Dr. Patricia Snyder*

### Welcome

### Greeting

*One:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***Many:* And also with you.**

### Call to Worship

*One:* Good people of the church, lift up your eyes and see.

***Many:* Have you not seen?**

**Have you not heard?**

**Our God greets us here.**

*One:* Good servants of the Most High,  
Open your ears to hear.

***Many:* Have you not seen?**

**Have you not heard?**

**Our God greets us here.**

*One:* Good people of the light.  
Open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

***Many:* For we have seen, heard and known**

**From the beginning to the end,**

**Our God... is.**

**Hymn** — “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

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### Invocation

### News from our Life Together

# WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

## Refrain — “This Little Light of Mine”

LIGHT OF MINE

1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
oh, oh,

this lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
oh,

this lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,  
oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading — Isaiah 40:21-31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

## Scripture Reading — Mark 1:29-39

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

## The Early Word

*Lisa Haupt*

The *refrain* (“*This Little Light of Mine*” – music above) is repeated.

## Sermon — “Source of Strength”

*Rev. Dr. Debra Pallatto-Fontaine*

## RESPONSE

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*We begin our lives of responding to the gospel in prayer and offering*

## Responding with our Gifts

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*Those participating via Zoom are welcome to submit prayer petitions (joys and concerns) via the Chat feature.*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** — “Hush! Somebody’s Callin’ My Name” Spiritual arr. by Dennard

*SCC Adult Choir Men, Rich Cowles soloist*

*Hu-sh, Hu-sh, somebody’s callin’ my name.*

*Oh my Lord, oh my lord, what shall I do?*

*I’m so glad that trouble don’t last always...Refrain*

*I’m so glad I got my ‘ligion in time. Hallelujah, Lord!...Refrain*

*Soon one mornin’ death come creeping in my door...Refrain*

## The Prayers of the People, *ending with The Lord’s Prayer*

**Many:** 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 glory forever. Amen.

## MEAL

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*God feeds us with the Presence of Jesus Christ*

**Communion Music** — “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*Adult Handbells & Scholars*

### **Invitation to the Table**

*One:* This morning, Jesus’ table extends to all of humanity. People of all ages, of all gender identities, of all cultures, of all socio-economic conditions are welcome here.

**Many:** **No one can earn a place at this meal. Come of your own choice.**

*One:* This is the inclusive welcome table of God were all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who desire a deeper relationship with the universal Christ are worthy and welcome.

**Many:** **Bring your hope and your history.**

*One:* Bring your worries and your doubts. Come as you are!

### **Words of Institution**

We remember now Jesus’ last supper with his disciples and friends; those who loved him and those who would betray him. He offered bread in thanksgiving saying, “Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way Jesus offered the cup of blessing saying, “Take and drink. This is the cup of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for all people. Do this in remembrance of me.”

By the eating and drinking of these gifts, we participate in the body of Christ and in the new life that Christ gives each of us.

### **Consecration of Elements**

*One:* At this table, we are one in the Body of Christ. I invite you now to rest your hands lightly, along with me, upon your bread and cup which we now share as sacrament. Let us ask God’s blessing upon them and to all in our prayers today.

**Many:** **Breathe your Spirit of life and love, O God, so that this bread may be broken and gathered in love, and this cup poured out to give hope and solace to all.**

*One:* All is ready. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

### **Sharing of the Elements:**

The bread we share is blessed and broken.

As long as it is open to all, it is holy.

Sharing in God’s love and mercy, we will never be hungry.

(Let us take and eat this bread of life together).

The cup we drink is blessed and shared like the overflowing of tears and joy.

Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.  
(Let us take and drink the cup of blessing together).

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Many:** We give thanks, O Holy One, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus in our midst. Strengthen our faith, draw us closer to you, increase our love for each other and send us forth in hope and peace; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world*

**Hymn** — “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

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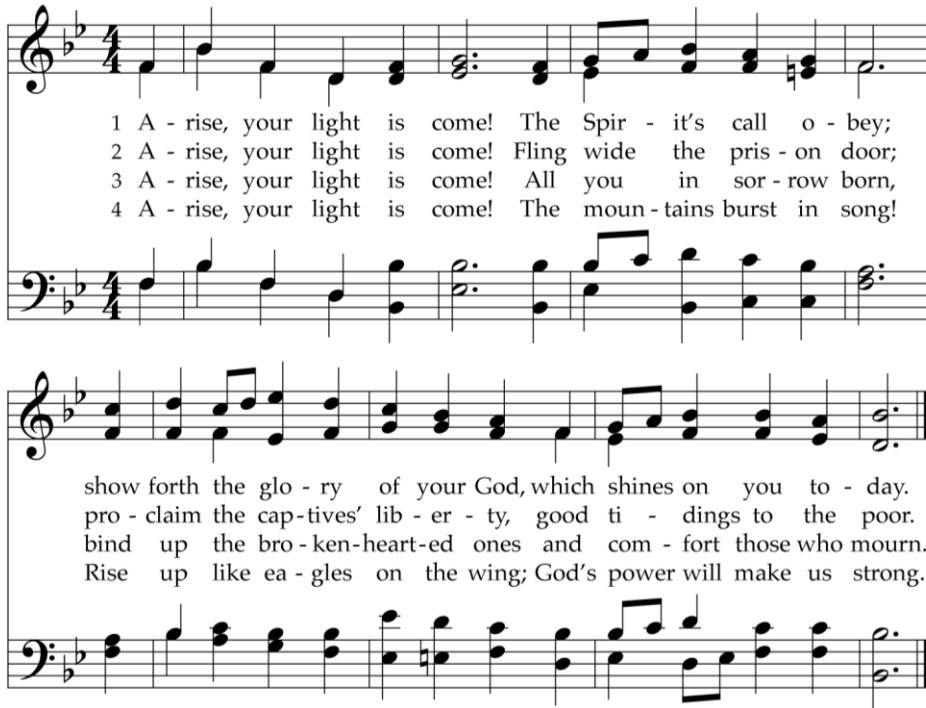
### Benediction

**Postlude** — “Suite Gothique - Menuet” by Boëllmann

*Dr. Patricia Snyder*

**Following the postlude, the Zoom Meeting will remain open** for those who wish to connect and chat—a bring-your-own-coffee “coffee hour”! We look forward to connecting with you!

# 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

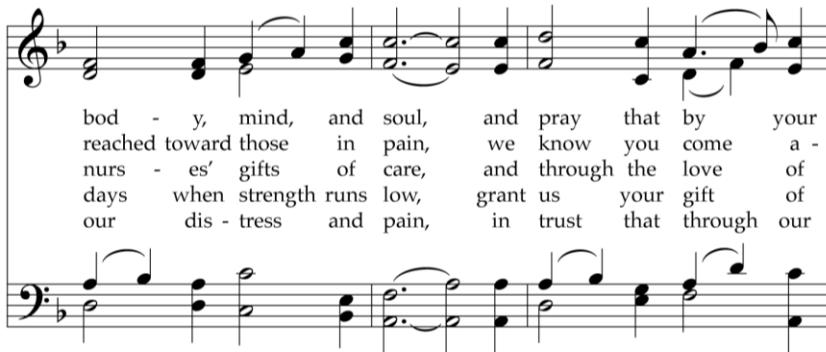
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FESTAL SONG  
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 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

## We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
 4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through  
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with power to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2002

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Anabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 691)

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