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Youth Sunday 2025

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April 27, 2025

9:45 AM

Youth Sunday

Detectives of the Faith & Holy Humor Sunday

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

<i>Mary Had a Little Lamb</i>	played by Elliot Stine
<i>Twinkle Twinkle Little Star</i>	played by Mia Abbott
<i>Oh When the Saints</i>	played by Freddie Northridge
<i>Ode to Joy</i>	played by Hayden McCarthy
<i>Big Time Overture</i>	played by Jack Bicher

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Let's Investigate

Maynard's Groovy Bible Tunes

DETECTIVES OF THE FAITH WORSHIP LITANY¹

L: We gather together as Biblical detectives searching for answers.

C: God, open our hearts and minds to discover who you are.

L: Who is the Lord that we seek?

C: The Lord we seek is fair, loving, faithful and forgiving.

L: What has God done for us?

C: God has helped in our darkest times and has given us strength.

C: We search for God's guidance.

L: Where can we find God now?

C: We find God when we pray, in church, and anywhere we look for God.

L: When does God call us to believe?

C: God calls us to believe every day, night and afternoon.

L: How can we follow God's call?

C: We follow God's call by asking questions and inspecting our faith.

L: Let us rejoice and investigate as together we pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY¹

L: Gracious God,

C: We give you thanks for the ability to investigate our faith. Continue to help us with discovering our path. Thank you for sharing your Word and world with us, and for the opportunity to share your Word and world with others. We ask for your guidance when digging deeper into the mysteries of the faith. And we ask for your protection for us and our friends and family as we carry out your will in worship and beyond. Amen.

JOKE BEFORE THE HYMN

***HYMN OF PRAISE FWS # 2173** (see next page)

Shine, Jesus, Shine



Shine Jesus Shine

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$ **Refrain**

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

blaze, Spir-it, blaze, _____ set our hearts on fire; flow, riv-er, flow, _____ flood the

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nations with grace and mer-cy, send forth your word, _____ Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin-ing in the midst of the dark-ness shin-ing;
 2. Lord, I come to your awe-some pres-ence from the shad-ows in-to your ra-di-ance;
 3. As we gaze on your king-ly brigh-ness, so our fac-es dis-play your like-ness;

Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us, set us free by the
 by the blood I may en - ter your bright -ness, search me, try me, con -
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our

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truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.
 -sume all my dark-ness. Shine on me, shine on me.
 lives tell your sto-ry. Shine on me, shine on me.

SKIT # 1

JOKE BEFORE CONFESSION

*TIME OF CONFESSION²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God our Savior and Hero,

C: We want to be faithful but often we do the wrong things and fail to acknowledge that they are wrong. Forgive us when we don't want to be present here. Forgive us when we are short to help others and hurry past those who need help. Forgive us when our pride gets in the way of humility. Forgive us when we fall short to forgive others. Forgive us when we don't follow your example. Help us to work together. Guide us with your word to live up to what you want for us even when the way seems a mystery.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Good news detectives—you are forgiven by God!

C: Help us to work together. Help us to forgive ourselves. We trust in your forgiveness. Amen.

SKIT # 2

HOLY DINGALINGS

Deep and Wide/Down in My Heart

Traditional

2025 YOUTH CREED¹

L: We invite you to join in reciting the 2025 Youth Group Creed.

C: We believe in a God who is almighty and all-knowing; always loving—always faithful—always there. We believe in a God who will guide us to the plan he has for us and lead us through the mysteries of Her world. We believe in a God who welcomes questions and allows us to be faith detectives. We believe in a God who is patient, forgiving, and accepting of all people; a God who will keep us safe and guide us no matter what challenges approach. And we believe in a God who gives us strength and energy to do good works and spread the Good news about God. Thank you God for giving us your Word to investigate—we believe. Amen.

JOKES BEFORE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER³

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SKIT # 3

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY (played by Daniel McCracken)

Gavotte

by Bach

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE

Vivi Rhinehart

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:-3-7 (CEB)

HYMN OF PRAISE (sung by Caitlin Damon)

10,000 Reasons

by Redman

JOKE BEFORE CLOSING HYMN

CLOSING HYMN NCH NO. 526 (see next page)

We Are Marching in the Light of God



We Are Marching in the Light of God

(Detective Verses)

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a tempo of 80 beats per minute. It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. There are three measures of triplets in the score, indicated by a '3' over a bracketed group of notes.

We are mar - ching in the light of God, we are
 We are sear - ching in the Word of God, we are
 We are seek - ing all the clues of grace, we are
 We are laugh - ing with de - light in Christ, we are

4 march-ing in the light of God. We are mar - ching in the
 search-ing in the Word of God. We are sear - ching in the
 seek - ing all the clues of grace. We are seek - ing all the
 laugh-ing in de-light with Christ. We are laugh - ing in de -

7 light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God. We are
 Word of God, we are search-ing in the Word of God. We are
 clues of grace, we are seek - ing all the clues of grace. We are
 - light with Christ, we are laugh-ing in de-light with Christ. We are

10 march-ing Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God. We are
 search-ing Oo, we are search-ing in the Word of God. We are
 seek - ing Oo, we are seek - ing all the clues of grace. We are
 laugh-ing Oo, we are laugh-ing in de-light with Christ. We are

14 march-ing Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.
 search-ing Oo, we are search-ing in the Word of God.
 seek - ing Oo, we are seek - ing all the clues of grace.
 laugh-ing Oo, we are laugh-ing in de-light with Christ.

References

¹The Detectives of the Faith Worship Litany, the Prayer of the Day, and the 2025 Youth Group Creed were written by Mt. Zion's Youth Group on the Youth Retreat

²The Time of Confession was written by our Intergenerational Confirmation Class

³The Prayers of the People were written by our Sunday Funday Littles.

Thank you to all our volunteers, youth, children, and musicians who made this Youth Sunday special!

Welcome Team Members—Ben Damon, Mason Damon, Caroline Kindig, Sean McCracken, Freddie Northridge Nova Ramsey

Musicians—Mia Abbott, Jack Bicher, Addie Bickleman, Caitlin Damon, Hayden McCarthy, Sean McCracken, Freddie Northridge, Elliot Stine

Skit Members & Readers—Athena Abbot, Mia Abbot, Olivia Abbot, Jack Bicher, Addie Bickleman, Caitlin Damon, Ben Damon, Mason Damon, Jackson Markel, Hayden McCarthy, Macey McCarthy, Danny McCracken, Sean McCracken, Freddie Northridge, Nova Ramsey, Eloise Rhinehart, Tobias Rhinehart, Vivi Rhinehart, Elliot Stine