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# In My Father's House The Porch/Yard—A Place of Invitation

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! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS JOYS & CONCERNS GATHERING BLESSING

A Blessing of the Gate

by Jan Richardson

**PRELUDE** (sung by Debbie Butcher)

The Lord's Prayer

by Malotte

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come to the porch, where God opens the door wide.

C: God's invitation is for all people.

L: Come to the threshold, where strangers become friends.

C: We are welcomed as neighbors in Christ.

L: Come, let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

C: In my Father's house there are many rooms.

L: I invite you to stand as comfortable as we join to praise our God who is always ready to welcome us in.

<sup>\*</sup>Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

# Gather Us In



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#### \*TIME OF CONFESSION

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of welcome,

C: Forgive us when we shut the door on others, when we draw boundaries instead of offering welcome. In your mercy, cleanse us, renew us, and make room for us again.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

P: Beloved in Christ, hear the good news: In God's house, there is always a room for you—there is room for us all. Your sins are forgiven, our sins are forgiven—your life is made new. Walk in the freedom of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen!

**ACT OF PRAISE** 

Big, Big House

by Blair, McGinniss, & Herdman

ALL SING: Come, and go with me to my Father's house. Come, and go with me to my Father's house.

It's a big, big house with lots of rooms. It's a big, big table, with lots and lots of food. It's a big, big yard where we can play football (Touchdown!). It's a big, big house, yea, it's my Father's house! It's my Father's house! It's my Father's house!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 

SCRIPTURE Luke 14:15-24 (CEB)

**SERMON** 

**HYMN OF THE DAY UM HYMNAL NO. 131** (see next page)

We Gather Together

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# We Gather Together



#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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#### **TIME FOR SHARING**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP
OFFERTORY

All Are Welcome

by Haugen

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: Generous God, in your house there are many rooms, each one filled with welcome, memory, nourishment, renewal, and hope. We bring these gifts to you, trusting that you will use them to open doors, set wide tables, fill hungry hearts, wash weary souls, and guide your people in every step of their journey. Bless what we offer, and bless us as we live as part of your household of grace.

C: Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 2173 FWS (see next page)

Shine, Jesus, Shine

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

arr. Tate

#### References

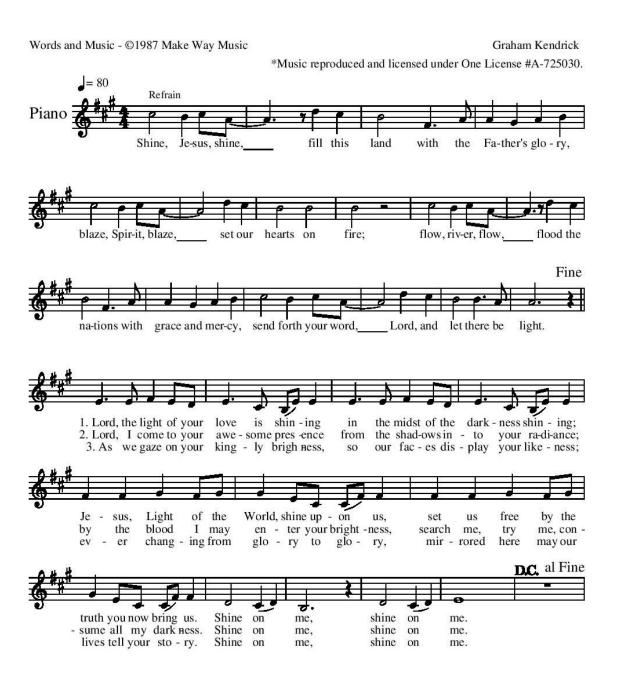
**Special Musician**—Debbie Butcher

Welcome Team Members—Jennifer Damon, Faye Heal

**Liturgist**—Tori Everhart

<u>Tech Team</u>— Elaine Bevivino, John Kollasch, Joe Vacante

# Shine Jesus Shine



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