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Rediscovering Jesus as Savior

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us — William B. Bradbury, arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome — Pastor Sunae

Opening Prayer (responsive) — Norman Hazzard

Leader: We come to worship and remind ourselves:
People: that it is not we who chose Christ, but Christ who chose us.
Leader: That we are not here because of our goodness,
but because of Christ's grace.
People: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
but to allow Christ to enlighten us.
Leader: That we have not come to be entertained,
but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.
All: Let us worship our Lord and Savior. Amen

calvarylutheranscottsbluff (adapt)

Opening Song (Please stand if able)

All I Need Is You
TFWS 2080

1. All I need is you,
Jesus, all I need is you.
You are the source of all I need.
All I need is you.

2. All I want is you,
Jesus, all I want is you.
You are the source of all I need.
All I want is you.

3. My only hope is you,
Lord, my only hope is you.
You are the source of all I need.
My only hope is you.

Children's Moment — Margaret LeWright

Scripture *Luke 2:10-11 (CEB)* Norman Hazzard

The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord.

Mark 10:17-22 (CEB)

As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. You know the commandments: Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honor your father and mother."

"Teacher," he responded, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

Leader: May God bless the reading of this Holy Word.
All: Amen.

Sermon Rediscovering Jesus as Savior Pastor Sunae

Prayers & Gratitudes

Jesus Remember Me
UMH 488 (3x)

Jesus, remember me
when you come
into your kingdom.
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Pastoral Prayer Pastor Sunae

The Lord's Prayer **Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)**

**Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.*

Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

Living As the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

TFWS 2195 (2x)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Closing Song

(Please stand if able)

Shine, Jesus, Shine

TFWS 2173

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Closing Prayer (responsive) — Norman Hazzard

Leader: May the Lord free you from anything you hold too tightly.
Anchor your soul in Him -
the Savior who offers treasure that never fades.
All: We go forth in His grace,
dropping our heavy burdens of self-reliance,
to follow the One who gave His all to make us His own. Amen.

Bryan Chapell (adapt)

Postlude — How Majestic is Your Name — Michael W. Smith, arr. Mark Hayes