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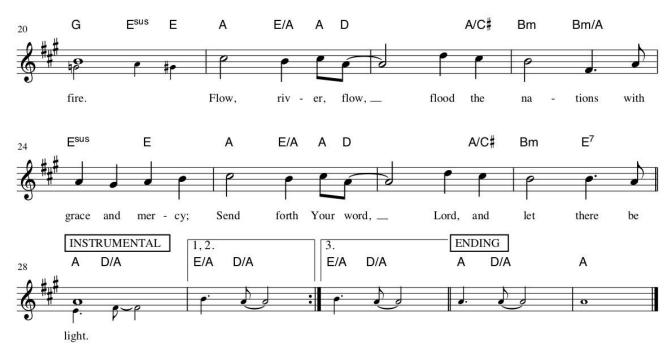
GATHERING SONG

Vs. 1,3



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Shine Jesus Shine - 2



OPENING SONG

I'm So Blessed

(based on the recording by CAIN)



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OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING: 1 John 5:9-13

A reading from 1 John.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

GOSPEL SONG

Thy Word

Words and Music by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith



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Vs. 1

GOSPEL READING: John 17:6-19

A reading from John.

⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

MESSAGE

You Have the Power

MESSAGE SONG

Resurrection Power

(based on the recording by Chris Tomlin)



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Resurrection Power - 2



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation.

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others.

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction. We pray especially for any who are sick, for those who have asked for our prayers and those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause)..., Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death.

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

Let us give thanks to God for our many blessings as we offer our monetary gifts for the mission and ministry of this community of faith. For those who are online, you can offer your financial support for our mission and ministries by going to our website livinglordfl.org and clicking on the give button at the top of the home page.

OFFERING MUSIC How Great Thou Art Stuart Hine, arr. Keveren

SONG BEFORE THE MEAL

This I Believe (The Creed)

Words and music by Matt Crocker and Ben Fielding



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THE MEAL

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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.

MEAL INSTRUCTIONS

Holy Communion here is just this simple: All are welcome because this is the Lord's table. It is Jesus who invites us to share in this meal. So, it doesn't matter who you are or how you are but that you simply come because God's gifts are... **C** Free

O Living Bread from Heaven



Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

MEAL SONG 2





BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forevermore.

C Amen

SENDING SONG

Trading My Sorrows

Words and Music by Darrell Evans



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DISMISSAL

DISMISSAL SONG

Joy In The Journey

Words and Music by Michael Card



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The Altar Flowers are given by Sandy Coffman for daughter Colleen, a wonderful mother and grandmother.

The Eternal Candle for the month of May is given by *Patty Kunkel in loving memory of my beloved husband, Walter.*

The Altar Guild Karen Hansing

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION All who have faith in the words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" is really worthy and well prepared to receive this sacrament. Communion is by individual cup (wine or white grape juice and gluten free wafers are available). Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

The **Sunday bulletin** focuses on the what, when, and where of announcements and ministry opportunities for the upcoming week. Detailed information is available on our **Facebook** page, in the **Link**, which is published weekly, and in the **Voice**, our monthly newsletter, and on our **website** – <u>www.livinglordfl.org</u>. Extra copies of the **VOICE** are available in the Narthex in the mail bins on the south wall.

Financial Support Thank you for your continued support for our ministry and mission. Offerings can be mailed to the church.

Attendance Pads Please fill out the attendance register and pass it down the aisle and let us know you were here. Add your name and if you are communing place a "C" in the member or visitor column. Otherwise, simply place a checkmark ($\sqrt{}$) in that column. This is a change to satisfy our constitutional requirement to maintain a record of those who have communed. Thank you for helping us with this detail.

Covid-19 Guidelines Update:

The Worship Team's current guidelines include:

- The wearing of masks is optional. Each individual should choose what is right for them.
- The use of the common cup during communion distribution is suspended until further notice.

Fully participate in the mission and ministries here at Living Lord by helping: **Live Stream, Sound system**, **Celebration of Life, Life Group Coordinator.** Contact the office if interested.

<u>SCRIP</u> after each service. An ongoing fundraiser designated towards the purchase of an electronic sign. You can purchase gift cards at our table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 10:05-10:50 am Teacher is Roger Raddatz. Class meets in the Activities Hall.

DIRECTOR OF JUBELLATION HANDBELL CHOIR NEEDED This is a paid part-time position with practice one evening a week and performance in the Sunday service 1-2 times a month. If interested, please contact the office at (941)-753-9365. www.livinglordf.org.

PUB THEOLOGY Will meet on Wednesday May 22nd to share views about How does God interact in our everyday lives? The group will meet at the Beef O'Brady's Lakewood Ranch Blvd at 6:30pm. The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. For more information contact Doug Holst at (813) 447-9917.

JUST HELP FOR DAY CAMP Plans are well underway for this year's day camp June 10th-14th, but there are still many opportunities to help. There are four counselors coming from Luther Springs to lead each group, and we need to provide a helper in each group. If you could help any of the days, or even a half day, let us know. We are also planning to host the counselors for dinner each evening (This could be in your home or just taking them out to dinner). We also are in need of additional nursing volunteers, which can again be at your convenience. Another great way to help is by donating gift cards through the Scrip Program. A list of suggested cards will be at the table and you are supporting two programs at once! If you can help, contact the office, Pam Lange or Janice Pinsonneault.

NEW MEMBER CLASS There will be a New Member Class on Wednesday May 15th at 6:30pm.

HOPE FAMILY SERVICES The next Outreach project will be Hope Family Services. It will run from May 12 to May 26. The mission of Hope is to provide safety, strength and well-being for those affected by domestic violence in Manatee County. They need everything for families to start a new life. Everything from baby and children items to adult and home items. There are lists of items needed attached to a poster in the narthex. They also welcome gift cards and the Holloways would love to sell you some.

<u>**Graduation Sunday</u>** will be on Sunday, May 19. Join us for a graduate celebration at the 11am service. This will be when the scholarships are presented to the students. Cake and coffee will be served following the service for the congregation.</u>

Miles Fetterman Brooke Laschke Robert Powers



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