

Order of Worship for the First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021, 11:00 am

The OnCenter Band

Song

Children of Light

by Jason Ingram, Jesse Reeves,
Kristian Stanfill, and Pat Barrett
arranged by Dan Galbraith

Verse 1

It's a new day, ev'rything changed
when your love came into the darkness.
You sent the light of the Son. [x2]

Chorus 1

Wake up, open your eyes
no longer dead, we are alive.
Rise up, children of light!
Open the doors, go let it shine.

Verse 2

There is freedom in your Kingdom, for you, Jesus.
We will be dancing
forever, your joy is our song. [x2]

Chorus 1

Bridge [x2]

Song for the broken, let it shine.
Into the shadows, let it shine.
Hope for the whole world,
let it shine, let it shine.

Chorus 2 [x2]

Wake up, open your eyes
no longer dead, we are alive.
Rise up, children of light!
Open the doors, go let it shine.

Tag

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when your love came into the darkness.
You sent the light of the Son. [x2]

Gathering In

with Amy Hollander

Candle Lighting

Hope

with Lynn & Donna Pries, Rebecca Pries,
Natalia, Nico & Mateo Lopez Pries

A: We hope for a world where all are fed.

B: We hope for a world with more bridges than
walls.

A: We hope for a world with wide open doors.

B: We hope for a world with contagious laughter.

A: We hope for a world where trees grow tall and

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creeks run clean.

B: We hope for a world where all people feel at home—in their bodies, in the church, in their physical homes.

A: We hope for that world.

B: We long for that world.

A: We are homesick for that world.

B: So today we light the candle of hope, because hope keeps our hearts alive as we wait.

A: May this light be a reminder that the wait is always worth it.

B: We are close to home. May we carry hope with us. Amen

Song

We Are

by Chuck Butler, Ed Cash, Hillary McBride & James Tealy
arranged by John Wasson & Brad Henderson

Verse 1

Ev'ry secret, ev'ry shame, ev'ry fear, ev'ry pain,
live inside the dark but that's not who we are.
We are children of the day.

Pre-Chorus

So wake up sleeper, lift your head.

We were meant for more than this.
Fight the shadows, conquer death,
make the most of the time we have left.

Chorus [x2]

We are the light of the world.
We are the city on a hill.
We are the light of the world.
And we gotta, we gotta we gotta let the light shine.

Verse 2

We are called to spread the news,
to tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save.
There's freedom in his name.
So let His love break through.

Chorus

Bridge

We are the light. [x3]
So let your light shine brighter.
We are the light. [x3]
Jesus,
you are the light. [x3]
We will lift you high and shine, shine, shine.

Chorus

Tag [x4]

You gotta shine, you gotta shine

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Greet your Community

with Amy Hollander

Song

Big House

by Audio Adrenaline

Come and go with me to my Father's house. [x2]

It's a big, big house with lots and lots of room.

A big, big table with lots and lots of food.

A big, big yard where we can play football.

It's a big, big house, it's my Father's....house!

Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

Advent Poem

Homesick

by Rev Sarah Speed

with Kyle Markwell

How do you describe homesickness to a child?

You don't.

They know.

Children know the feeling of being away from

home.

It's fear, dipped in loneliness,
that "What if I've been forgotten?" sonnet,
or the "What if I can't go back?" refrain.

Even a healthy, scrubbed-clean,
showered-with-love child
knows the longing of home.

But if I had to.

If I had to describe

that aching feeling, I would say:

"Homesickness is when longing and grief
wrap themselves around you like a blanket.

It's the door to comfort thrown open.

It's an eye on the horizon for what could be
and the only way out is to keep walking,

to keep dreaming,

to keep looking

for signs that will point you back home."

And if you tell that to a child,

you just may realize

that a part of your spirit

has shoes on

and has always been walking,

always been dreaming,

always been looking

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for the home that could be.
The door to comfort has been blown open.
Tell God I'm homesick.
I'm on my way.

Let faith arise, let faith arise.

Chorus [x2]

Bridge [x2]

Let faith arise, let faith arise.
Open my eyes, open my eyes.

Chorus

Chorus 2

I lift my hands to believe again.
You are my refuge, you are my strength.
As I pour out my heart these things I remember:
you are faithful, God, you're faithful, God forever.

Tag

Let faith arise, let faith arise.

Song

I Lift My Hands

by Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio, & Matt Maher
arranged by Joel Mott & Brad Henderson

Verse 1

Be still; there is a healer.
His love is deeper than the sea.
His mercy is unfailing,
his arms, a fortress for the weak.
Let faith arise, let faith arise.

Chorus

I lift my hands to believe again.
You are my refuge, you are my strength.
As I pour out my heart these things I remember:
you are faithful, God, forever.

Verse 2

Be still; there is a river
that flows from Calvary's tree.
A fountain for the thirsty,
your grace that washes over me.

Scripture

with Evie Burke

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.
⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see

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'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Message

Homesick

with Pastor Jeremiah

Prayers for Community & Prairie Prayer Partners

Elgin Cornerstone

with Pastor Hannah

Offertory Invitation

with Amy Hollander

Song

Oceans

by Matt Crocker, Joel Houston & Salomon Ligthelm
arranged by Dan Galbraith

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters,
the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find you in the myst'ry,
in oceans deep, my faith will stand.

Chorus

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And I will call upon your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.

When oceans rise,
my soul will rest
in your embrace for
I am yours and you are mine.

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
you've never failed and you won't start now.

Chorus

Bridge [x3]

Spirit lead me where my trust
is without borders,
let me walk upon the waters
where ever you would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet
could ever wander
and my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior.

Tag

I will call upon your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise,

my soul will rest in your embrace
I am yours and you are mine.

Announcements

with Pastor Hannah

Sending Forth

with Amy Hollander

Song

Shake

by Bart Millard, Ben Glover, David Garcia & Solomon Olds
arranged by Dan Galbraith & Joel Mott

Verse 1

I just can't believe where my life was at.
All that I know is my heart was broke
and I don't ever wanna go back.
Ain't no explanation how I saw the Light.
He found me and he set me free
and he brought me back to life.
Blame it on the transformation,
I'm changed to the core.
This love is real and I can't sit still
'cause my name's not shame
no more, more, more.

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Great God Almighty done changed me.
Great God Almighty, he done changed me.

Chorus 1

You gotta shake, shake, shake
like you're changed, changed, changed.
Brand new looks so good on you,
so shake like you've been changed.
Come on and shake! (Shake!)
Shake like you're changed.
Shake! (Shake!)
Shake like you're changed.

Verse 2

Maybe he came to you
when ev'rything seemed fine.
Or maybe your world was upside down
and hit you right between the eyes.
No matter when it happened,
at seven or ninety five.
Move your feet
cause you are free and
you've never been more alive!

Chorus 2

You gotta shake, shake, shake
like you're changed, changed, changed.
Brand new looks so good on you,
so shake like you've been changed.
Come on and shake, shake, shake

like you're changed, changed, changed.
Brand new looks so good on you,
so shake like you've been changed.
Come on and shake! (Shake!)
Shake like you're changed.
Shake! (Shake!)
Shake like you're changed.
(Shake!) (Shake!)

Bridge [x4]

Great God Almighty done changed me.
Great God Almighty, he done changed me.

Chorus 2

Tag

Great God Almighty done changed me.
Great God Almighty, he done changed me.