

## “TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, September 9, 2018)

### Share:

In the midst of fear, we are called to be a people of hope.

Call us to be lovingly bold in our faith.

In the midst of sorrow, we are called to be a people of comfort.

Call us to be lovingly compassionate in our deeds.

In the midst of alienation, we are called to be a people of unity.

Call us to be lovingly responsive to the needs of others.

In the midst of anger, we are called to be a people of peace.

Call us to lovingly build bridges of peace and reconciliation.

In the midst of darkness, we are called to be a people of light.

Call us to lovingly bear witness to the light of Christ.

### Read these words from a hymn today:

*This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes; I'm gonna let it shine.

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Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### Read this scripture from worship: Matthew 5:13-16 (The Message)

<sup>13</sup> “Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

<sup>14-16</sup> “Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

### Talk together, responding to these questions:

How are we salt to the earth and light to the world?

How do we lose our saltiness?

When do we hide our light?

In what ways do we let our “light shine” so that others may see?

How can we be engaged in mission around the corner and around the world?

Pray together:

Almighty God, through the testimony of those who know your love you have guided us to ask for what we need. Our Lord Jesus called his disciples to live as a city on a hill and a lamp on a stand, that all may see the glory of God. We pray for the church, the community of disciples. Grant that we, who claim the name of Christ, may shine as light into our dark world. May we live as your obedient children that your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."