

A Prayer to Say Together:

Prayer by Reverend Sarah Lund, UCC



Light of the World,

We look to You as a guide and we trust you to care for us when we are scared, confused, or have to make big choices, help us find Your light. Amen.

Activity Page Instructions:

Today's activity page insert starts with a big light! The sun. Think about what you are good at, or positive things about you. Write or draw them between the rays, then color in the rest of the page, creating a sun. You are invited to work together as a family to decorate it, or print additional copies at:

www.generalsynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Draft-Day-2.pdf

Mural Instructions: We encourage you to combine this activity, last week's activity from session 1, and the next 2 weeks of Synod activity pages to create a mural. If you are creating a mural from sessions 1-4 activities, cut out the sun from this week's activity and add it somewhere above your session 1 tree (logo).

To make a mural, get a poster board that you can add them all to or pick a wall or bulletin board you can post to. Don't forget to share your creativity online with #RootedInLove!

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General Synod Children's Devotion

July 25, 2021 * Synod Devotion 2



General Synod 33 was July 11th through 18th. This is the second children's Devotion out of a series of 10 from that special week.

Welcome

Welcome to our special time with God and each other. My name is Pastor Cisa. Today we'll be thinking about how special *you* are. We'll be thinking about how you can make moments special for others by using all of the gifts God gives you. Time to shine, here we go!

Verse of the Day



When God began to create the heavens and the earth—the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters—God said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared. God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. God named the light Day and the darkness Night. There was evening and there was morning: the first day. (Genesis 1:1-5, CEB)

Today's Reflection

By Reverend Cisa Payuyo
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⚡ Watch the video version instead which includes special music at <https://player.vimeo.com/video/564680029> ⚡



*What are some of the greatest gifts you have received?
I wonder where they came from?*

There are amazing gifts around us every day, but they are so big that sometimes we forget they are there. In the beginning God created, before there was anything else, there was God. And God spoke into the nothingness and said, "Let there be light". And there was light. Not just light, but a full spectrum of light and dark and everything in between.

Once there was a person who did such amazing things. People asked, "Who are you?" They answered, "I am the light of the world." Many came to follow them and believe in God because of them. They came to Jesus and became part of the light. And as the light was shared it did not get smaller, but it grew brighter. The light of God can shine in us all!

*I wonder where you have seen God's light shining in someone?
I wonder how you will let your light shine?
I wonder who will see your light?*

Praising God Together

Music adapted by Lamar Lubin, UCC.
Sung by Fiyori Kidane, UCC.



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

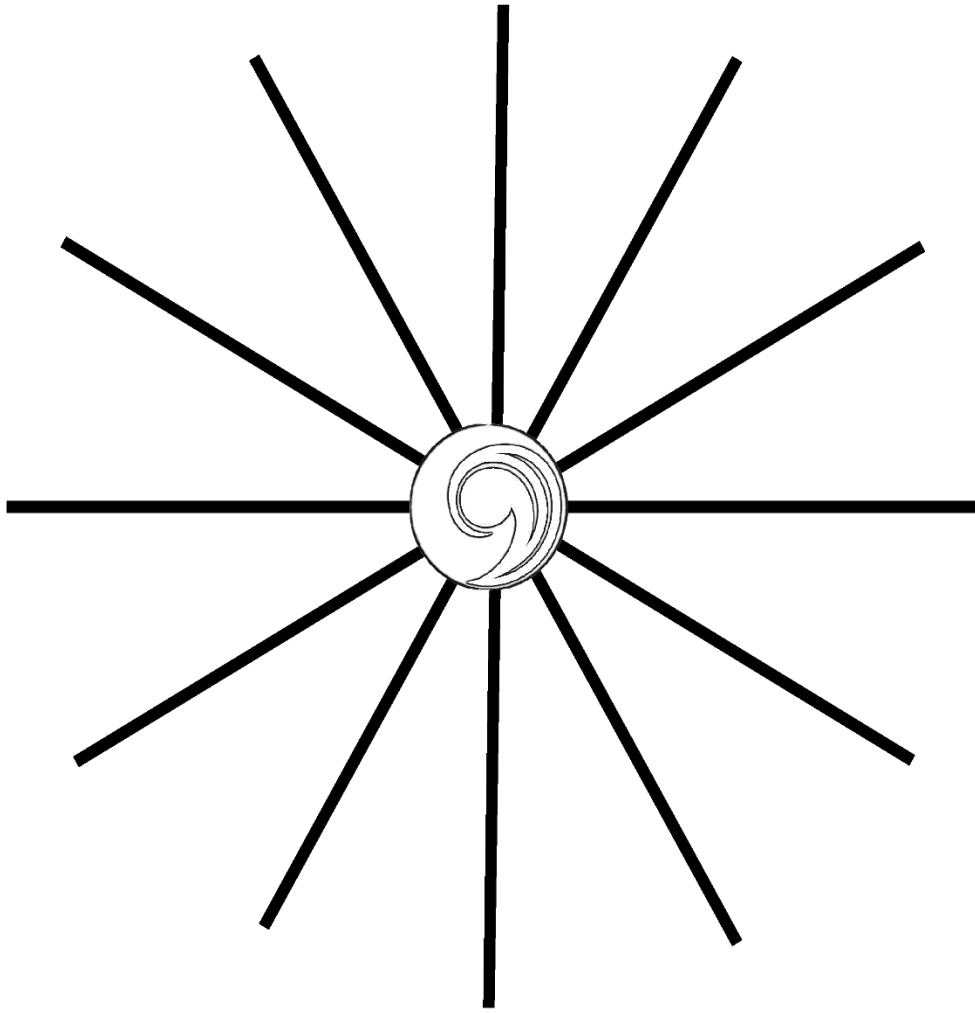
And everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Oh, everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine.
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine.
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

We've got the right of freedom, I'm gonna let it shine.
We've got the right of freedom, I'm gonna let it shine.
We've got the right of freedom, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me now, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me now, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me now, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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



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