# Community of Christ
## Chicago Mission Center Worship
**November 8, 2026, 11:00 AM**
## Theme: The Kingdom is Like…

**Prelude – Roger Hintzsche**

**Gathering Songs:** "Come Away from Rush and Hurry" *CCS* 83

**Welcome – Sheryl Sawyers**

**Call to Worship – Sheryl Sawyers**

**Hymn of Preparing for the Lord:** "Lord, Prepare Me" CCS 280
(s*ing two times)*

**Invocation – Karen Wade**

**Response**

**Prayer for Peace – Darrell White**
*Light the peace candle*

**Hymn of Peace:** "Come and Bring Light" *CCS* 287

**Message – Linda Meyer**
**Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1–13**

**Disciples' Generous Response – Janet Ergo-Zimmerman**

**Lighting Our Lamps for the Lord – Sheryl Sawyers**

**Sing:** "This Little Light of Mine"

**Prayer of Blessing – Jean Hedrich**

**Response**

**Postlude- AV**

**Come Away from Rush and Hurry, CCS 83**

Come away from rush and hurry
to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry,
come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered
here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness
we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy
we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence
all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing
into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens—
life's confusions, fears and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—
he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
when to self we gladly die.

**Lord, Prepare Me, CCS 280**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**Come and Bring Light, CCS 287**

*Come and bring light to a people in darkness.*
*Come, set us free from the chains we have made.*
*We are your people, the flock that you tend.*
*Lord, open our eyes once again.*

To the ones brokenhearted: open our eyes.
To the plight of the poor: open our eyes.
To the innocent children: open our eyes.
Teach us compassion and love.

To the victims of violence: open our eyes.
To the ones who seek justice: open our eyes.
To those sitting in prison: open our eyes.
Teach us compassion and love.

When a color divides us: open our eyes.
When the darkness surrounds us: open our eyes.
When we choose to look elsewhere: open our eyes.
Teach us compassion and love.

To those full of life's sorrow: open our eyes.
To the needs of the lowly: open our eyes.
To the ones who seek peace: open our eyes.
Teach us compassion and love.

To those suffering illness: open our eyes.
To those trapped by addiction: open our eyes.
To those lost or forgotten: open our eyes.
Teach us compassion and love.

**This Little Light of Mine**

This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Oh, this little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine
All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine
All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes
I'm gonna let it shine
Let is shine 'til Jesus comes
I'm gonna let it shine
Let is shine 'til Jesus comes
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

This little light of mine
I’m going to let it shine
Oh, this little light of mine
I’m going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I’m going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine