## **Service of Dedication**

Meditation: People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

Prelude:

Welcome and Opening Prayer

This Little Light of Mine (first verse) words on screen (This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, 3x Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine)

John 12:35-36 NRSVUE:**35** Jesus said to them, "The light is in you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. **36** While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

### Project Background and Phase 1: The Dove

Recognition of those who contributed to the Twin windows

Phase 2: The Good Shepherd

**Special Music:** The 23rd Psalm by Albert Hay-Malotte Recognition of those who contributed to the Good Shepherd Window and the Twin windows

Words from our Restoration Company CEO: Bryan Lerew/ Recognition of his co-workers

Phase 3: The Nativity

**Special Music**: Gesu Bambino, Frederick H. Martens and Pietro A. Yon

Recognition of those who contributed to the Nativity Window and the Twin windows

This Little Light of Mine (second verse) words on screen

(Hide it under a bushel -NO. I'm gonna let it shine 3x, Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine)

A Message from the Committee

# **Special Music:**

For All the World by Greg Nelson and Bob Farrell

Litany of Dedication of the windows:

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Today we seek

God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness to dedi-

cate these stained glass windows to the glory of God.

All: Accept these windows which we offer in Thanksgiving to You Loving God.

One: Grant us faith to follow You in all the ways You call us to serve You.

## All: Give us joy to celebrate the history and all who have made it possible to restore the windows to their original glory.

One: As the light which shines through them is transformed into still greater splendor, may our lives also show the beauty of the gifts of grace which You bestow on us each day.

All: Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate these stained glass windows to Your glory and praise. May our joy in them help us to build up Your Kindom, through Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: page 431 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Benediction Postlude

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Thank you for joining us today. We are blessed by God to have this unique and historic church in which to worship and are delighted to share it with all of you today. A special thanks to everyone who contributed to this project.

An offering plate will be located at the rear of the sanctuary and at the reception if you wish to contribute to the final phase of the project. (checks may be written out to Old Zionsville UCC, memo Windows)

Please join us for refreshments in the lower social hall where the Windows committee will be available to answer any of your further questions about this project. We give thanks to the Music and Worship committee for their assistance in organizing the reception.

Participating in today's service: Members of Consistory: greeters The Rev. Lori Esslinger, Pastor David Carlson, Organist Jen Goudsward, Pianist Jessica Yothers, Vocalist Kathy Latshaw, Consistory Co-President Ruth Stansfield, Windows to the Future Committee Elizabeth Massa, Windows to the Future Committee Mark Weaver and Daniel Latshaw, Sound System Elizabeth Massa, Live Stream Operator

Our church family turns 285 in 2025!