

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

10 a.m.

January 24, 2021

** indicates "stand if you are able."*

Introit

"Welcome"

by Mark Miller

1. Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin,
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace, singing welcome,

(Refrain)

Welcome to this place. You are invited to come and God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share 'cause all of us are welcome here;
All are welcome in this place.

2. Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feat,
where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray, singing welcome,

(Refrain)

3. Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem, where mourning turns to dancing,
Every creature lifts its voice, crying welcome,

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: **Praise the Lord!**

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Verses (1, 2 & 3)* UMH #57

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: For God alone our souls wait in silence.

All: **In God alone do our spirits find peace.**

One: For God alone is our rock and our salvation.

All: **In God alone does our faith remain unshaken.**

One: Pour out your hearts before God.

All: **For God is our refuge and our strength.**

One: Put your trust in God.

All: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: And together let us pray.

All: **Teach us anew, rock of our salvation, how your kingdom has come near. You call us to be your disciples this day, that we might find refuge and strength as we face the destructive forces of our lives. Grant us the strength to wait for you in silence, that we might meet you in the subterranean chambers of our souls. For in you we rest secure, in you we abide in holy love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES *"Children's Message"*

*HYMN *"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let all who wish to know the ways of life and death listen for the word of God. Truly the presence of the Lord is in this place.

THE HEBREW READING Jonah 3:1-5

THE PSALM READING Psalm 62:5-12

THE GOSPEL READING Mark 1:14-20

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"The Rock and Salvation"*

Rev. Jane Kim

*Hymn *"I Will Call Upon the Lord"*

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another. *(From UMH page 7)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, we hear: "The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." We put our trust firmly in you. We know our fearful hearts, O God. We know how far we are from being able to trust a complete stranger – especially with our very lives. Renew us, Holy One, and bless us with your steadfast love, that we might truly live as people who have seen your kingdom draw near. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Just as God forgave the people of Nineveh when they repented and turned from their ways, so God will forgive us also, when we turn to walk in the paths of life. Pour out your hearts before God, our refuge and our strength. Pour out your hearts and find peace.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

Offering our gifts to God is a holy act. In this sacred moment, let us offer our gifts and our lives to the holy work of God.

WEEKLY OFFERING

