

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

10 a.m.

January 22, 2023

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT *"Coming Home" By Joseph Martin* Insert

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

*HYMN *"Awesome God" 2X* TFWS #2040

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: We come seeking God,

All: the one who guides us and protects us.

One: People of God, there is nothing to fear,

All: for God dwells in our hearts.

One: Let us shout with joy, for God is here!

All: Let us sing praises to the Holy One!

One: And together let us pray.

All: God of Light, we come tired and weary, carrying many burdens. We come wondering if you are even here. We come seeking your face, seeking your love. In this moment, Holy One, open our hearts to the mystery of your love. Remind us that you are always with us and that you never leave us. Reassure us that you love us, even as you invite us to love one another. In this time and space, may we say "yes" to you. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

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 Isaiah 9:2-4

PSALM READING Psalm 27:1, 4-9

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:12-23

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Look for the Light"* Rev. Jane Kim

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

Merciful God, as we seek your love and light, there are times when darkness invades our lives. Forgive us when we hide our true selves from you. Forgive us when we quarrel with one another, allowing our pride to overcome our commitment to the community. Forgive us when we give life's activities priority over following the ways of Christ. O God, open our hearts to your grace, as you once again fill us with your love and light. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, hear the good news of the gospel and rejoice! You are forgiven and God's grace sets you free to love again.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Let us be generous in our giving, that others may see in us the transforming power of God. Let us be lavish in our gifts, that others may draw life from the bounty of God's blessings.

WEEKLY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Psalm 23" (from Sight & Sound Theatres) Gabriel Wilson
Tyler Stankiewicz – Vocal Soloist & Shane Litchfield*

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want anything but you.
For all my days, your goodness and mercy follow me,
And I will dwell in your house.

Pastures, you make me lie down in the green pastures,
You lead me beside the still waters, and there you restore my life.

Comfort, your rod and your staff are my comfort.
I'll honor your name with my whole heart, and stay on the righteous paths.

I am after your heart. Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will not fear, you are always with me.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want anything but you.
For all my days, your goodness and mercy follow me,

And I will dwell in your house forever! I am after your heart.

*DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Loving God, light of the world, we thank you for these gifts. May they share your joy and your hope, bringing reconciliation and help to those seeking to walk in your ways. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. Jesus the Prince of Peace and the ruler of earth's governments, we pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"* Insert

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, may the light of God shine in our lives.

All: May the love of Christ fill our days.

One: And may the power of the Holy Spirit guide us always.

All: Go in peace. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share God's love and peace with one another.

POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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