



Third Sunday of Epiphany  
 January 22, 2023



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GATHERING TOGETHER

*As we prepare for worship together, in person or virtually, you may wish to light a candle representing the presence of God with you and concerns, laments, desires for healing, confessions or prayers of thanksgiving that you are particularly holding in the light of Christ today.*

*Everyone is invited to join in speaking or singing aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. \*The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when members of the congregation are invited to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRELUDE

*Fuga*  
*Johann Gottfried Walther*  
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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Patti Snyder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pre-K - 6th Graders

Lighting the Candle

Word for Worship: Blessed

\*HYMN No. 457

***How Happy Are the Saints of God***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christine Kooi

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Gracious God,**

**Every word you speak is sustenance for us,**

**but we confess that we would prefer to skim over some.**

**Every blessing you pour out brings light into the shadows of this world,**

**but we confess that when we see more fully,**

**sometimes we wish we hadn't.**

**Every person you call into your way of life changes the flavor of the world,**

**but we confess that we feel too small to make much difference,**

**so we'd rather just be more palatable and blend in.**

**Forgive us, Holy One, when we choose to opt out of your kingdom of heaven - when we choose the world's shallow blessing instead of your deep grace.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**Re-light our lamps and re-salt our lives  
so we may recognize ourselves in your image  
and join again in revealing your presence and purpose.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*responsive*)

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;  
our sins have been forgiven, and we are free to begin again.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn No. 850 vs. 1                      *In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness*  
**In a deep, unbounded darkness,  
long before the first light shone,  
you, O God, beyond all merit  
worked a wonder faith makes known:  
in your mercy, in your mercy,  
you embraced us as your own,  
ever more and ever more.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:23-5:16

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

\*HYMN No. 172

***Blest Are They***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymnal p. 35*

## OFFERING of GIFTS

*During this time you are encouraged to consider your response to the work of Christ in the world today, making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

## INVITATION

## ANTHEM

### **Be a Light**

*Words and Music by Joshua Miller, Matt Dragstrem,  
Josh Thompson, and Thomas Rhett Akins  
Arranged by Tim Hayden  
Alfred Music*

*In a time full of war, be peace.  
In a time full of doubt, just believe.  
Yeah, there ain't that much difference between you and me.  
In a time full of war, be peace.*

*In a world full of hate, be a light.  
When you do somebody wrong, make it right.  
Don't hide in the dark, you were born to shine.  
In a world full of hate, be a light.*

*In a place that needs change, make a difference.  
In a time full of noise, just listen.  
'Cause life is but a breeze, better live it.  
In a place that needs a change, make a difference.  
In a world full of hate, be a light.*

*When you do somebody wrong, make it right.  
Oh, don't hide in the dark, you were born to shine.  
In a world full of hate, be a light.*

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When you do somebody wrong, make it right.  
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In a world full of hate, be a light.*

*Yeah, it's hard to live in color, when you just see black and white.  
In a world full of hate, be a light.*

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Old Hundredth*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**May the gifts we offer today -  
gifts of time, talent and treasure -  
be used to bring about your vision of the world, O God.  
With the help of these gifts,  
may all those pushed aside be centered here,  
just as they are in your sight.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 852

***When the Lord Redeems the Very Least***

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go with God.  
**Alleluia and Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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