

Order of Worship

January 10th 2021 ~ Third Sunday After Christmas

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

Almighty God,
Your Spirit swept over the waters of creation;
You are sweeping over us now, creating something new.

**Call us away from the distractions of the world
to experience what You are doing now, in us,
and through us, and in our world.**

Open us to a new awakening, a new beginning,
where we look through the lens of the goodness of Your creation,
experiencing all possibilities in You.

**Turn us away from the negative lens, and lead us to the light.
In the name of Jesus, who leads us into life, we pray.**

Amen.

~ written by Rev. Mindi

Hymn of Praise

Christ, Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in
darkness

Longing for truth, we turn to
You.

Make us Your own, Your holy
people

Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered
today.

Longing for peace, our world is
troubled

Longing for hope, many
despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to
save us.

Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered
today.

Longing for food, many are
hungry

Longing for water, many still
thirst.

Make us Your bread, broken for
others

Shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered
today.

Longing for shelter, many are
homeless

Longing for warmth, many are
cold.

Make us Your building,

sheltering others

Walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered
today.

Many the gift, many the people

Many the hearts that yearn to

belong.

Let us be servants to one

another

Making Your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered
today.

Opening Prayer

In this Season of Epiphany, we are still the people walking.
We are still people in the dark,
and the darkness looms large around us,
beset as we are by fear, anxiety, brutality, violence, loss —
a dozen alienations that we cannot manage.
We are — we could be — people of Your light.
So we pray for the light of Your glorious presence
as we wait for Your appearing;
we pray for the light of Your wondrous grace
as we exhaust our coping capacity;
we pray for Your gift of newness that
will override our weariness;
we pray that we may see and know and hear and trust
in Your good rule.
That we may have energy, courage, and freedom to enact
Your rule through the demands of this day.
We submit our day to You and to Your rule,
with deep joy and high hope.

Amen.

~ written by Walter Brueggemann

Special Music

My Life Flows On
Robert Lowry

Scripture Reading

Ben Belinski, Reader

Genesis 1:1-5

New Revised Standard Version

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Mark 1:4-11

New Revised Standard Version

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism of Jesus

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Out of the Darkness

Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Anna Kate Belinski, Reader

Offertory

You Raise Me Up

Rolf Lovland & Brendan Graham

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

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Communion

Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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Back Talk

Closing Prayer

Lord God, guide us in our lives.
May others see Your love shine through us.
May our words and actions constantly point to You;
may we put You first in everything
and serve You always.
We ask You to be with us
and give us a year where we know and feel and are guided by Your presence.
Whatever the year holds may we never lose sight of You.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

– Rev. Ian Elston (condensed)

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...