

**Order of Worship**  
January 23rd 2022 ~ 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Call to Worship**

Return to the Lord your God,  
**for God is gracious.**  
Confess to the Lord your God,  
**for God is merciful.**  
Repent to the Lord your God,  
**for God is slow to anger.**  
Praise the Lord your God,  
**for God abounds in steadfast love.**  
Worship the Lord your God.  
***Together, let us worship God!***  
Amen.

~ written by Rev. Daniel Commerford

**Hymn**

*You Are My All In All*

**Verse 1**

You are my strength  
When I am weak  
You are the treasure  
That I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jew'l  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all

**Chorus**

Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name

You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all

**Verse 2**

Taking my sin  
My cross my shame  
Rising again I bless Your name

**Chorus**

Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name

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**Opening Prayer**

“Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name—you are mine!  
When you go through deep waters and great trouble,  
I will be with you.  
When you go through rivers of difficulty,  
you will not drown!  
When you walk through the fire of oppression,  
you will not be burned up;  
the flames will not consume you.  
For I am the Lord, your God,  
the Holy One of Israel.  
Do not be afraid, for I am with you.”  
**Amen.**

– Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5a

**Special Music**

*The Flower That Shattered The Stone*  
Joe Henr & John Denver

## Scripture Reading

Kim Rogers, reader

### ***Nehemiah 8:1-10***

**NRSV**

<sup>1</sup> all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>4</sup> The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> And the Levites helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

*Strength & Joy*

Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayers of the People

Sherri Goodwin, Reader

## Offertory

*Be Thou My Vision*

Traditional

## 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

*City of God*

Dan Schutte

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise  
from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those  
who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a  
great light.  
The Lord of our longing has  
conquered the night.

### Refrain

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into  
dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!

2. We are sons of the morning; we  
are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has  
brightened our way.  
the night into day!

The Lord of all kindness has called  
us to be  
a light for his people to set their  
hearts free.

### Refrain

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into  
dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!

3. God is light; in him there is no  
darkness.  
Let us walk in his light, his children,  
one and all.  
O comfort my people; make gentle  
your words.  
Proclaim to my city the day of her  
birth.

### Refrain

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into  
dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!

4. O city of gladness, now lift up  
your voice!  
Proclaim the good tidings that all  
may rejoice!

### Refrain

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into  
dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned

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## Closing Prayer

The Lord is our light and our protector.  
God gives us grace and glory.  
No good thing will the Lord withhold  
from those who do what is right.  
Blessed are those who trust in him.  
We go forth from this place knowing God is our strength and our joy. Amen.

— based on Psalm 84:11-12

## Blessing

## Postlude

**Our love in action now begins...**

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This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by  
Mack Bailey & Michael Schoepe.

*Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!*

9am Greeters: Randy and Jeanne Woods  
9am Reader: Sherri Goodwin  
Altar setting: Sue de Campo  
Coffee Service: Mark Breen  
10:30am Reader: Kim Rogers

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