

**Order of Worship**  
January 1st 2023 ~ 1st Sunday after Christmas

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Call to Worship**

A new day has dawned, a new year begun  
**O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice**  
The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future  
**O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path**  
We enter this new year with hope and excitement  
**O Lord, remind us that You lead us**  
**O Lord, guide us as look to You, and worship You. Amen.**

~ written by Rev. Mindi

**Hymn of Praise**

*Love Has Come!*  
RH #256

**Verse 1**

Love has come a light in the  
darkness  
Love explodes in the Bethlehem  
skies  
See all heaven has come to  
proclaim it  
Hear how their song of joy arises  
Love love  
Born unto you a Savior  
Love love  
Glory to God on high

**Verse 2**

Love is born come share in the  
wonder  
Love is God now asleep in the hay  
See the glow in the eyes of His  
mother  
What is the name her heart is saying  
Love love  
Love is the name she whispers  
Love love  
Jesus Immanuel

**Verse 3**

Love has come He never will leave  
us  
Love is life everlasting and free  
Love is Jesus within and among us  
Love is the peace our hearts are  
seeking  
Love love  
Love is the gift of Christmas  
Love love  
Praise to You God on high

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## Opening Prayer

The year has thinned  
the light seems weaker  
the year is tired  
and the season running out yet here we are  
in the place of life  
for this place believes  
in things beyond time and season we might live  
in the echo of stables  
and incarnation  
holding onto faith in the year's last days yet what do we do  
but perform acts of renewal and rebirth  
of baptism and hope  
of seeking new life shaped in Jesus Christ so let us gather in what the world sees  
as the cusp of the year  
yet we know as another day  
in the eternity of love  
and celebrate who we are  
and who we are yet to be  
come let us be together  
and worship  
**Amen.**

~ written by Roddy Hamilton

## Special Music

*New Beginning*  
Tracy Chapman

## Scripture Reading

—, reader

### ***Genesis, chapter 1, verses 1-9***

#### **New International Version of the Bible**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he 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. 6 And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." 7 So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. 9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

### ***John, chapter 1, verses 1-5***

#### **New International Version of the Bible**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **Sermon**

*New Beginnings – Part 1*

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Prayers of the People**

—, Reader

## **Offertory**

*Early Am*

Craig Curry

## **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.*

## Closing Hymn

*This Is The Day*  
RH #209

### Verse

This is the day  
This is the day  
That the Lord hath made  
That the Lord hath made  
We will rejoice  
We will rejoice  
And be glad in it  
And be glad in it  
This is the day  
That the Lord hath made  
We will rejoice and be glad in it  
This is the day  
This is the day  
That the Lord hath made

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## Closing Prayer

For everything there is a season: And a time for every matter under heaven: A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted. A time to break down, and a time to build up. A time to weep and a time to laugh.

A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to be silent and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.

God has made everything suitable for its time. God has put a sense of past and future into our minds. God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. Whatever God does endures forever. In your strong name Lord Jesus, we pray.

**Amen.**

— Rev. Thomas Weitzel

## Blessing

## Postlude

*Our love in action now begins*

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Greeters - Susie Kirkman, Kim Rogers  
Reader and Prayers of the People- Regina de Wetter  
Reader at 10:30 - Kim Rogers

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