

Order of Worship
December 31st, 2023 ~ 1st Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

All of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ
with a resounding "Yes!"
And through Christ,
our "Amen" ascends to God for his glory.
**He has anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us,
and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit,
guaranteeing what is to come. Amen!**

~ by Jamie Barnes

Hymn of Praise

Glorious Light
WS #73

Verse 1

Glorious light see the dawn of
salvation
Angels in white fill the skies
With their wondrous song
Awakening earth with news of His
birth
Join the hymn of the highest
heavens

By a warring world
Yet hope burns a light that shatters
the night
Turn your heart to the call of glory

Chorus

Glory to God in the highest
Peace to men on earth
Come and adore Him with wonder
Christ Lord of heaven and earth

When all of time has been spent
And the Lord returns
His song we'll repeat as heaven
completes
Promised peace that will fill the
nations

Chorus

Glory to God in the highest
Peace to men on earth
Come and adore Him with wonder
Christ Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Long has the world fought
The song of the angels
Heavenly music is drowned

Verse 3

There is a day all creation has
longed for

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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. So let us gather in what the world sees
as the cusp of the year,
yet what 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.

~ Roddy Hamilton

Special Music

May The Words Of My Mouth

Tim Hughes and Rob Hill

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

NRSV

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

John 1:1-18

NRSV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Power of The Word

Rev. Will Fisher

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Word Of Our God
Dan Schutte

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

Thy Word
RH #184

Chorus

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

Verse 1

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

Chorus

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

Verse 2

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

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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Closing Prayer

From the very beginning was
Your Word
Which spoke this world into being
Your Word
Which thunders from the skies
Your Word
Which flows like mountain streams
Your Word
Which whispers in morning breeze
Your Word
Revealed through kings and prophets
Your Word
Revealed through Angels' praise
Your Word
Revealed in humble service
Your Word
Revealed through a tiny child
Your Word
Alive from the beginning of all things
And to eternity.
Amen.

~ from FaithandWorship.com

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Altar - Sue de Campo
Scripture and POP - Marion Garrett

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