

**Order of Worship**  
January 7th, 2024 ~ The First Sunday after the Epiphany

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Call to Worship**

O God of all goodness,  
you welcome us, forgive us and heal us.  
You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you.  
You crown us with steadfast love and mercy.  
Reveal yourself to us in this moment.  
Let us know your presence so that we may bless you:  
Bless you, O God!  
Bless your holy name! Amen.

~ written by The Rev. Catherine Rolling

**Hymn of Praise**

*Here I Am To Worship*  
WS #90

**Verse 1**

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

**Chorus**

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

**Verse 2**

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

**Chorus**

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

**Bridge**

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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**Chorus**

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## Opening Prayer

Loving, living God,  
be among us now.  
Show us your ways.  
Guide our steps.  
Live in us,  
that we may be people of steadfast hope  
and powerful giving.  
Help us hear your words,  
challenging us to give you  
all the things that are yours.  
Help us remember  
that all we are and all we have  
are gifts from you,  
gifts to be shared in service and love.  
Holy One among us,  
help us be a holy people  
who receive your word with joy  
and live your message with love.  
**Amen.**

~ Mary Scifres

## Special Music

*Visions*  
Stevie Wonder

## Sermon

*Returning to the Presence of God*  
Rev. David Choi

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayers of the People

### Offertory

*Presence of the Lord*  
Eric Clapton

## 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

*Amazing Grace*  
RH #343

**Verse 1**

Amazing grace how sweet the  
sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

**Verse 2**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

**Verse 3**

The Lord has promised good to me  
His Word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

**Verse 4**

Through many dangers toils and  
snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus  
far  
And grace will lead me home

**Verse 5**

Yea when this flesh and heart shall  
fail  
And mortal life shall cease  
I shall possess within the veil  
A life of joy and peace

**Verse 6**

When we've been there ten  
thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's  
praise  
Than when we first begun

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**Closing Prayer**

Lord, I cannot fathom or hold you;  
I can only ask you to take hold of me.  
I cannot grasp or contain you in a  
formula or tradition;  
I can only ask that you fill me with yourself,  
and make me part of the mystery of your presence  
in the world.  
**Amen.**

~ A.A.

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

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

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Greeters – Rebecca Paschal & Meredith Hall

Prayers of the People – Rebecca Paschal

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