

Celebration of Worship
The Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 21, 2018

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Verses for Contemplation

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16 (NRSV)

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

We Offer Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise and shine for your Light has come!

People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but have the life of Light.”

**People: We will live in the Light and share the joy of the Lord.
We worship God who brings Light to all people.
Alleluia.**

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Insert

PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD’S BLESSING ON OUR WORSHIP

God Shows Grace and Forgiveness

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD’S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS GRANTED

Leader: Through Christ we are forgiven. Let us continually shine the light of Christ in the world.

All: May God’s Light be seen in us.

God Speaks With a Heart of Love

PRAYER *He Leadeth Me* arr. McChesney
Alleluia Bells
Chris Hall, Cello

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *Light and Darkness*
Prayer

(Children in Preschool through 5th Grade are dismissed for Sunday School.)

PRAYER FOR GOD’S SPIRIT TO MOVE AMONG US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 60:1-5* CEB
Psalms 9 CEB

GOSPEL LESSON *John 1:1-5, 14, 18* CEB

SERMON *It’s All About Perspective*
Darkness-Light; Small Picture-Big Picture
Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

We Respond in Re-Dedication

PRAYER OF RECOMMITMENT

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Come Now and Follow Me* Besig/Price
Chancel Choir

Friends, sharing in a fellowship of faith,
We join our hearts and minds to worship as one.
Now, seeking to be worthy of God’s grace,
We find our hope in the words of Jesus, the Son.

He said: “Come follow me. Come follow me,
For I will give you rest and bring you peace.
I am the Truth. I am the Light. I am the Resurrection and the Life.
And all who seek God’s grace must follow me.”

Friends, seeing how His love has made us whole,
We find our faith is renewed, our hope is restored.
Now, serving as disciples is our goal.
We join to answer the call of Jesus, our Lord.

He says: “Come follow me. Come follow me, follow me,
For I will give you rest and bring you peace.
I am the Truth. I am the Light. I am the Resurrection and the Life.
And all who seek God’s grace must follow me.
Come now and follow me.”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

* SONG *Come! Live in the Light!* Insert

PRAYERS OF DEDICATION AND PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN *Lord of Light* # 425, vv. 1, 2 & 4

God Sends Us Out to Serve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GOD’S BLESSING AS WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* POSTLUDE

* PRAYER UNDER THE CROSS