

Service of Worship

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

January 26th, 10:15 AM

*Please rise as able

-- Ready for the Word --

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude by Page

“O Worship the King” with **“Here I Am to Worship”**

Choral Beginning by Taizé Community

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust; in God I trust.*

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The Light of God Enters

Call to Worship *taken from Psalm 27*

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation;

People: Whom shall we fear?

Leader: The Lord is our fortress, our safe place;

People: Whom shall we fear?

Leader: We ask for one thing, there is one thing we seek:

People: Let us dwell in the presence of God forever,

Leader: Let us behold the beauty of God. Let us approach
God's temple.

*Hymn Hymnal No. 365

“God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!”

Prayer of Confession *taken from Feasting on the Word*

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon *taken from Feasting on the Word*

God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance. Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy

*Response Hymnal No. 437

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

*Passing of the Peace

-- Receiving the Word --

Children's Sermon

*Hymn Insert

“Better Is One Day”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (OT Page 503) Psalm 27:1, 4-9

New Testament Lesson (NT Page 109) John 14:22-24

Sermon **“No Place Like Home”**

Musical Offering by MacKenzie

“Family of Faith”

Based on Galatians 6:2,10 and I Corinthians 12:27

In Christ's name, we gather, in God's presence we rejoice.

In the spirit, strangers and friends sing united as one voice.

Abiding in hope, rooted in love,

assured by the gift of God's marvelous grace,

Believing in one who was sent from above, we stand as a family of faith.

We're traveling on life's journey,

finding our way to heaven's wondrous light.

There is no burden carried alone when we walk the way of Christ.

Abiding in hope...

Like instruments of a symphony, each one unique, yet all belong.

Through God we blend into harmony, together we are strong,

Hear our song!

Abiding in hope...

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (*debtors/debtors*) Hymnal Pg. 35

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Giving of Our Tithes, Offerings, and Selves

Offertory

by Sorenson

“Raise Your Hands”

*Offertory Response

Insert

“God, You Wrap Your Love Around Us”

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Hymnal No. 468

“In My Life”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction

by Quinn

*Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.*

*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

*Postlude

by Lemmens

“Marche Pontificale”

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Participants in today’s service: Russ Cotner (worship leader), Henry Cotner (acolyte), Senior Choir (musical beginning, offering and benediction), Rob Cooney (children’s sermon), Jen Henning and Cindy Stamey (deacons), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper (pastor). Next week’s sermon: *“Squirrel Watching”*



Today we join with churches around *the* world to support Church World Service Blanket Sunday. Blankets help provide comfort, warmth and hope to the homeless and people in need.

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How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You;
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus:

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house
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Than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask, and I would seek to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
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My heart and flesh cry out for You the living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul I've tasted and I've seen.
Come once again to me, I will draw near to You,
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God, You Wrap Your Love Around Us

To the tune of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

God, you wrap your love around us,
Like a blanket soft and warm.
You give rest when we are weary,
You protect us from the storm.
May each person who finds shelter
In these blankets that we share
Also feel the joy and comfort
Of your love's protecting care.

Jesus, you were once a baby,
Sought by those who would destroy.
Into Egypt you were carried -
Far from home, a little boy.
Were you wrapped up warm to travel,
Safe from terror, free from harm?
Did you feel God's strong protection,
Snuggled there in Mary's arm?

May the women, men, and children,
Fleeing danger every day
Know, through us, your living presence;
You walk with them on their way.
Spirit as you give them comfort,
Teach us here to freely give.
May we blanket this world over
With your love, so all may live.

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