



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Come, Light, Light of God"
"Arise and Shine in Splendor"

arr. Emily Brink
Johannes Brahms

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that Christ has come and Christ will come again. As the light pushes back darkness let us walk with, learn from, and worship Jesus Christ.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

Liturgist: One thing I ask of from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and seek him in his temple.

All: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

Psalm 27:1, 4-5

* **All Singing: 560 "We Praise You, O God"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 431 "The Lord is My Light"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful and answer me.

All: **My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

Liturgist: Do not hid your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

All: **Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.**

Psalms 27:7-9

Silent Confession and Lament

Liturgist: Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

All: **Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me.**

Liturgist: I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: **Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

Psalms 27:11-14

*** All Singing: 908 “Christ, Be Our Light”**
Singing verses 1, 2, 4, and 5

Liturgist: When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison he withdrew to Galilee and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – to fulfill what was said through Isaiah:

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –

All: **the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the shadow of death a light has dawned.”**

Liturgist: From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Matthew 4:12-17

Choir: “Walk in the Light”

arr. Andre Thomas

We’ll walk in the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Hark the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king.”
Hail the heav’n born prince of peace!
Christ, the everlasting Lord.

Liturgist: And he went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

All: The news about him spread throughout the land, and large crowds followed him. *Matthew 4:23-25, adapted*

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: “Open Our Eyes, Lord”

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Rags to Riches?

* **All Singing:** 157 “Meekness and Majesty”

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Unity Christian Academy

OFFERTORY

Choir: “Thou Wilt Keep Him”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.
The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day.
The darkness and light to Thee are both alike.
God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee,
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forevermore.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

* **All Singing:** 956 “To God Be the Glory”

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing:** 142 “We Are People on a Journey”
Singing verses 1, 2, and 4

Postlude: “He is Lord” / “Across the Lands”

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Beckham Van Wyngarden
Pianist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Kim Van Wyngarden
Choir Director:	David Baar	Prayer:	Noah Van Wyngarden
Choir Accompanist:	Beverly Baar		
Vocalists:	Lori & Evelyn Evenhouse		
	Betsy Maher		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Gerry Van Dam		

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