



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
January 8, 2023

PRELUDE "Prelude, Fugue and Variation" by César Franck
featuring Tom Bara, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Lane

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Howard Thurman's poem "The Work of Christmas")

One: Light the candle, hitch up the star.

ALL: Welcome the foreigner. Embrace the stranger.

One: Move from a whisper to a shout.

ALL: Spread the Good News around.

One: From mountain top to snowy field to chilly bay.

ALL: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH No. 224

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (all sing)
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE John Miner

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH No. 895

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Come to Me" by Dan Forrest
featuring Larry Winegar, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3: 13-17 John Miner
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Glimpses of the Kin-dom Sermon Series*
"The Water's Fine" Rev. Chris Lane

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISM VOWS

ONE: Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new. And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

ALL: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,

Reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

ONE: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**ALL: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice,
and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!**

ONE: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ,
his body on earth?

**ALL: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

ONE: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together,
wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**ALL: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
And serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

CELEBRATING HOLY COMUNION

Pastor begins...

One: And so we pray—

**ALL: Come Holy Spirit, Breath of God, Renewer of life,
Settle on these gifts and all who gather here and in homes, that we
might be transformed in our remembrance of your radical love,
Your eternal embrace, and your grace that makes all things new.
For the sake of our shared lives, the life of this land on which we live,
And the lives of those yet to come, Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(Offerings may be placed in the plates at the front of the aisle)

DOXOLOGY

UMH No. 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Chris Lane

HYMN

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

UMH No. 605

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Lane

POSTLUDE

“In Thee is Gladness”
featuring Tom Bara, organ

by J.S. Bach

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

PASTORS: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

MUSIC: Tom Bara, organist; Larry Winegar, soloist

GREETERS: Wes Bara, Linda and Bob Deneen, Katy Ramsdell

WELCOME CENTER HOST: Marilyn Cobb

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