

January 22, 2023
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Order of Worship
10:00 a.m.

The Church Gathers

Joys & Concerns

Prelude "Holy, Holy, Holy" FWS2007

*Opening Hymn: "Where Charity and Love Prevail" UMH549

*Call to Worship: (*responsive*)

To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

To those who dwell in gloom and despair,

God's glorious presence has appeared.

God is indeed our light and our salvation.

We will follow, unafraid,

where God and Jesus lead us.

Let us worship our God of light and promise.

Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

God of light and love,

we come this morning

with eyes stinging from the brightness

of your glory.

Open our eyes to the light of your dawn,

that our souls may be flooded

with love and mercy and joy.

Open our hearts to receive your message

of comfort and peace and security,

that we may find rest

in your loving, protective presence.

Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us,

that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

We Offer Prayers & Praise

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Offertory

*Presentation & Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH95

Children's Message

Wendy Miller

Special Music

We Meditate on God's Word

First Scripture Reading: Hosea 12:1-6

Prayer for Illumination "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH557

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:13-18

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Membership Vows (*insert*)

Sermon: "Justice and Love" Pastor Steven Cho

We Go Forth to Love & Serve

*Closing Hymn: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" UMH121

*Benediction

*Postlude

Announcements

The Church Goes Out to Love And Serve

* If you are able, please stand.

- Hymns & prayers designated with FWS are found in the small black hymnal, *The Faith We Sing*.