



January 21, 2024
Third Sunday of Epiphany

Preparation & Praise

** = Stand if you are able*

Prelude “Victory in Jesus” - arr. Bober (piano)

Welcome & Orientation

*Call to Worship

Come people waiting in darkness.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light has shined on the nations who live in the shadow of death.

The true light that enlightens every person is coming into the world. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

The Lord is our light and our salvation. We shall not be afraid.

*Hymn of Praise “God of Our Life”
(organ)

#409 (1 & 2)

Gathering the Flock

*Greeting Others

Personal Prayers

If you have a matter you wish to include in our prayers but do not wish to publicly disclose, feel free to come forward during the instrumental interlude and light a candle.

Prayer Concerns

Is there a praise or petition that you are aware of that we can include in our prayers? If so, jot it down on a prayer card and hand to one of the attending ushers who are standing in the aisle.

Confession & Confirmation

**Almighty and merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
and one another in both our actions
and our inactions.
We recognize that in Jesus our light
has come,
Yet often we choose to walk in the shadows
and ignore the light.
Gracious God, forgive our sins
And remove from us the veil of darkness
which shrouds our lives.
Illumine us by your Word
So we may shine with the radiance
of Christ's glory. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer

**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 and ever.
Amen**

Receiving Tithes & Offerings

We believe that God's greatness is discerned in how God continually gives Godself away to others. When we choose to give ourselves away, we bear witness to God's presence and how God is assisting us in becoming our true selves. All are welcome to join us in sharing and enacting this belief as together we share our tithes and offerings.

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Feeding on the Word

Preparing for the Word

**Our Lord and our God,
Now as we hear your Word,
Fill us with your spirit.
Soften our hearts that we may
Discern your ways.
Fill us with your light.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

Reading from the Psalter: *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

*Reading for the Gospel: *John 1:43-51*

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Homily

*Hymn of Response “Search Me, O God” #385 (1 & 3)
(organ)

Following the Spirit

“Family News”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Search Me, O God” - arr. Marvin (piano)