

JANUARY 10, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: In the beginning, God made the world. God spoke, saying, "Let there be light."

People: And there was light. And God said it was good.

Pastor: In the beginning, God overcame total darkness, formlessness and nothingness.

People: The glory of God's divine light shined, and the heavens, the earth and all life were created.

Pastor: Today God's light continues to illuminate God's good creation, through the acts of love we practice. May this worship service inspire us to be God's light shining for others to see. Let us worship the Lord.

#258 *Morning Has Broken*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

God of light that shines through all creation, you have called us to this time of worship, out of the gloomy shadows that blanket our lives and into your glorious presence. Be with us now, we pray. We are ready to hear your word, whatever it may be and however it might affect us. So come to us now and light our path, dear Lord. Show us the way you want us to go, and grant us courage to be obedient to your will. Brighten our lives with your Spirit, and help us bear witness to Christ, the Light of the World who cannot be overcome by the darkness. We offer these words in the name of Jesus Savior, who taught us to pray like this, saying...

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:4-11 and Genesis 1:1-5

SERMON MESSAGE: *Let There Be Light* Rev. Gagnon

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Prayer Requests
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Glorious God, the author of all beginnings and Creator of all that is “good,” we live in a world that sometimes threatens to swallow us in darkness. But you who called heaven and earth into existence have overcome the darkness by sending us your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the world. As Christians we want to shine the light of your divine love here on earth as Jesus did, and we ask you to bless our offerings and use them to that end so that your glory can be made visible and others will see your radiance and rejoice. Amen.

#364 *This Little Light of Mine*

BENEDICTION (Responsive):

Pastor: We carry God’s peace into a troubled world, seeking to be peacemakers wherever we go.

People: We carry God’s blessings into our daily lives and desire to share the riches the Lord has entrusted to us.

Pastor: We shine God’s luminous love in the darkness so that those who are groping around blindly can walk in confidence and expectation.

People: The light of God has shone upon us this morning. We will carry that light into another week.

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL