

Second Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday, January 15, 2023

The Season of Light

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music: As the Deer

by Martin Nystrom, Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

Lighting of the Christ Candle

During this season of light, we light the Christ candle to invite the Spirit of our Lord in our midst. May this light carry hope and love throughout our community of faith and to the world beyond. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Will You Come and See the Light

(Voices United 96)

Words: Brian Wren 1989

Music: Traditional Scottish melody; arr. Valerie Ruddle 1993

Words and arrangement copyright © 1993 Hope Publishing Company

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A- 605244. All rights reserved.

- 1 Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 2 Will you step into the light that can free the slave?
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.
By the pyramids of greed
there's a longing to be freed;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

- 3 Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised,
and the innocent abused,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 4 Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes,
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest and the least
are the foremost at the feast,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 5 Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
and the darkness all about
is too dim to put it out:
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Opening Prayer

A Time to Wonder

Choir Anthem: The Light of the World

by Nancy Price and Don Besig

Scripture Reading: Psalm 40: 1-11

The New Creed

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection: "Here I Am"

Hymn of the Day: **Wherever You May Go** (More Voices 216)

Words and Music: David Kai, 1996

Words and Music © 1996 by David Kai

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A- 605244. All rights reserved.

Refrain

Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

- 1 Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
we will travel side by side
and God's love will be our guide. *Refrain*
- 2 From beginning to the end
I will always be your friend,
when you need me, I'll be there,
you can trust my faithful care. *Refrain*

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response: **Arise, Your Light is Come**
(Voices United 79, v. 1)
Please stand as you are able

Words: Ruth Duck, 1974; Music: William H. Walker 1872

Words copyright © 1992 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A- 605244. All rights reserved.

- 1 Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)

Voices United 509

Words: Daniel L. Schutte 1981; alt.

Music: Daniel L. Schutte 1981;

harm. Michael Pope, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock 1983

Words copyright © 1981 Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music

United Church Publishing House

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A- 605244. All rights reserved.

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them;
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude: Here I Am, Lord

by Dan Schutte, Setting by John Carter, edited by Jane Holstein

Worship Leaders – Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leader: Sharon Prindle-Collins
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Scripture Reading – Barbara Waldner
Greeters – Grace and Russell Lindsay
Spirit Kids Program – Pastor Nancy Walker
Technical Support – Louise Johnston and Rob Glenn.
Flowers are offered by Jennifer Hastings.
Flowers are also offered by Frank Gertsma
in celebration of the life of his wife, Jackie Gertsma.