

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
January 29, 2023

The Season of Light

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music: Blessed Assurance

by Phoebe Palmer Knapp, arranged by Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Epiphany is a time when we see things for the first time.

Open our eyes to see your light, O God.

We are called to be in community together.

Open our eyes to see your light, O God.

We light the Christ candle to invite the Spirit in.

Open our eyes to see your light, O God.

Choir Anthem: I Choose Love

Mark A. Miller

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: **Psalm 100** (Make a Joyful Noise)

Voices United 820

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Refrain

Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!

- 1 Know that your God has made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song! *Refrain*
- 2 Enter these gates, thanksgiving.
Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.
Worship your God with a song! *Refrain*
- 3 Ages through endless ages,
seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song! *Refrain*

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11

Reflection: One Little Song Under the Sun

Special Music: One Little Song

Gillian Welch

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response: **Arise, Your Light is Come**

(Voices United 79, v. 1)

Please stand as you are able.

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- 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

Hymn: Sing a New Song

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Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing "Alleluia."

- 1 Yahweh's people dance for joy;
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain*
- 2 Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. *Refrain*
- 3 Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives. *Refrain*

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: Oh a Song Must Rise (More Voices 142)

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Refrain: Oh a song must rise
for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

1. From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
the voice of you and me
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. *Refrain*
2. From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again.
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise
for the spirit to descend. *Refrain*
3. From ev'ry house of worship,
in ev'ry faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise
for the spirit to descend. *Refrain*

Benediction

Your mission is to find Christ in all you meet.

Your service is to love as Christ wherever you go.

**We will go out to our mission and our service,
and may the Spirit inspire each of us.**

Postlude: The Church's One Foundation, "Aurelia"

by Samuel S. Wesley, arranged by Lani Smith

Worship Leaders – Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons

Guest Worship Leader – Casey Stainsby

Music Leader: Sharon Prindle-Collins

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Scripture Reader – Michelle Climie Wiebe

Greeters – Grace and Russell Lindsay

Spirit Kids Program – Nancy Walker

Technical Support – Karen Clark and Bill Walker

Fellowship Time – Caring Ministry

Carol-Ann and David Staples offer flowers

in memory of their much-missed daughter Rebecca.