

3rd Sunday after Epiphany  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Seasonal Color: Green

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

"Jesus Loves Me" (based on *Clair de Lune*) Bradbury/Debussy/arr. Fred Bock

*(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**"Come," my heart says, "seek the face of the Lord." Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Let us worship God!

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

**"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy." We rejoice now before you as the yoke of our burden and the bar across our shoulders you have broken as on the day of Midian. As those numbered to walk in the light of the Christ who names us in our baptism and washes us with the waters of new life, we gather now in his name to give you all praise and glory. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "Lift High the Cross"

GTG # 826

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we are liars. If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while all about us others go hungry and their lives are imperiled, what has become of our call to share the good news? You know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive our betrayal of your Son, and restore us to fellowship with him. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "I Come With Joy" (vs-1) GTG # 515

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
In love laid down for me.**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-4

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ANTHEM:

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Kathleen Thomerson/arr. Harlan  
I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

(refrain) In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. (refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. (refrain)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES:

Laura Sparks

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 4:12-23

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SERMON: "Gone Fishing"

Rev. David Roquemore

\*HYMN: "You Walk along Our Shoreline"

GTG #170

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by The Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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, forever. Amen,**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Listen, God is Calling" Kenyan song/arr. Austin Lovelace  
(Leader – Bill Long)

(Call) *Listen*, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

*Jesus gave his mandate*: share the good news

*That he came to save us* and set us free. (Call)

*Let none be forgotten* throughout the world.

*In the triune name of God* go and baptize. (Call)

*Help us to be faithful*, standing steadfast,

*Walking in your precepts*, led by your Word. (Call)

\*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" GTG # 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Christ, you invite us to follow and become fishers of others. You equip us with talents and gifts for our venture. We humbly respond to your gracious invitation and place our gifts at your disposal. As we go out to serve, receive the results of our efforts in your name. turn them to good where we have erred. Shed light on our path as we seek to abide in your way. Amen.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" GTG # 721

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE: "We Will Go Out with Joy" Donaldson and Donaldson  
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

(refrain) Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy. (refrain)

We will go out with joy in the Spirit, we will go out with God. (refrain)

(\*Please stand in body or spirit)

Lay Leader for this morning is Alan Forshey.

Elder on Call this week is Suzanne Rhinehart.

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1. You are in God’s House. We want you to feel God’s presence.
2. All around you are Christian people. They will want to shake your hand and greet you in the name of Christ. Won’t you meet them with a friendly smile? We would not have you leave this place without a warm welcome and a feeling that you want to come back.
3. Please sign the Friendship Book.
4. Those interested in membership information or who desire to join are asked to speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, call the church office, or check the Friendship Book.

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** (10:00am) Worship bags for children are located in the entryway. In addition, children (ages 3 yrs. old – 2nd grade) are welcome to stay with their families for the entire service, or they may attend B.L.A.S.T. Children’s Church following the *Time for Young Disciples*, when children will be led from the Sanctuary to our Children’s Church room and they will return to the sanctuary before the closing hymn.

**THE PEACE CANDLE:** The smaller, glass candle on the Communion table is a *peace candle*, and here is the candle’s story and meaning.

In 1986, a group of Americans attended a Russian Orthodox worship service. At the close of the service, an elderly woman pressed a three-ruble note into the hand of a Presbyterian pastor (only about \$5 in American dollars, but a significant gift for this elderly woman). The woman asked him to buy a *candle* with it, and light that candle in his church as a symbol for *peace*. That Presbyterian pastor purchased a *candle* with the money, placed it on the Communion table in his sanctuary, and lit it during each worship service. Then the church bought other candles, in glass containers, and sent them to other churches with the request that they be lit during their worship services, as a symbol of our common hope for *peace*.

These *peace candles* have since spread across our world and across denominations. Our congregation received our *peace candle* on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. And, we have shared a *candle* with our sister church of El Redentor in Guatemala. Together with sisters and brothers in Guatemala and around the world, we light our candles every time we worship to remind us to pray for peace in our lives, in our communities, and in our world.

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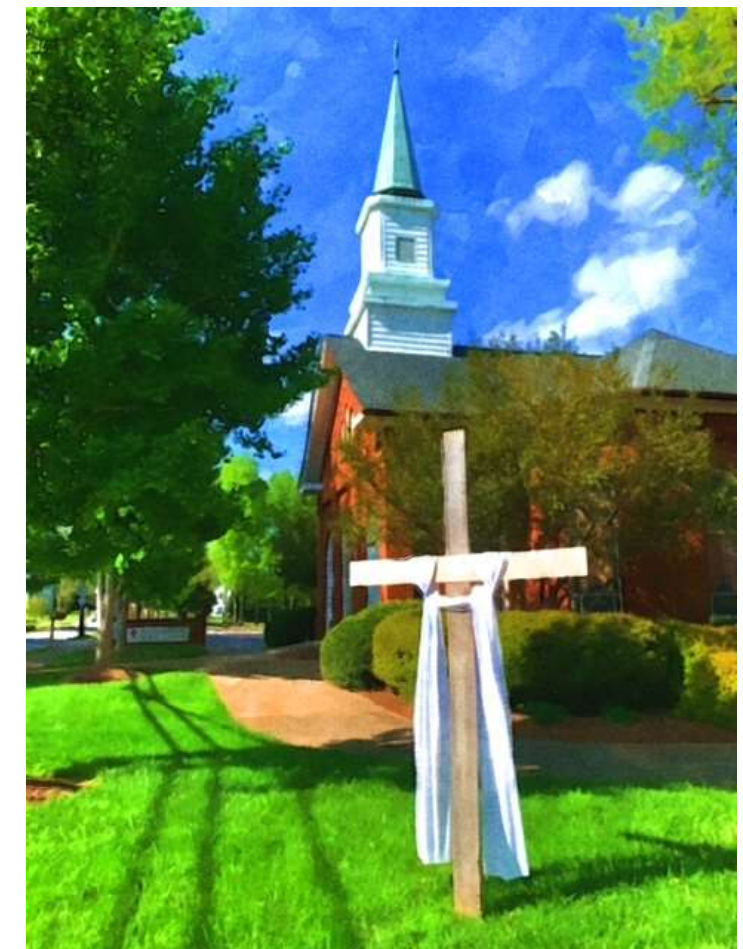
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