

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(\*=**please stand if you are able**)

**Prelude (A time for Silence and Reflection)**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

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

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

L: We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds in worship

**Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez**

**Hymn of the Month** GTG# 519

**“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”**

**Call to Confession**

Let us pause here to confess the sins that have kept us from recognizing and enjoying God’s presence.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of pardon (Psalm 103:17)**

“The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.” Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria! Yesterday, today and forever, Gloria  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Prayer for illumination**

God of epiphanies, you reveal yourself to us in diverse and numerous ways. Free us the distractions that turn our focus away from you and your Word. Open us to the truth you reveal to us today. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 9:1-4

Nonetheless, those who were in distress won’t be exhausted. At an earlier time, God cursed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but later he glorified the way of the sea, the far side of the Jordan, and the Galilee of the nations. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. You have made the nation great; you have increased its joy. They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as those who divide plunder rejoice. As on the day of Midian, you’ve shattered the yoke that burdened them, the staff on their shoulders, and the rod of their oppressor.

L: This is the word God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:**

**Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light, and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death.* From that time Jesus began to announce, “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!” As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Light in Our Hearts”

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**Hymn GTG# 377**

**“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

**Words of Gratitude**

Let us return a portion of the gifts we have been given to Christ’s ministry and those most in need.

**RESPOND IN GRACE**

**Offertory GTG#693**

**“Though I May Speak” (verses 1 & 2)**

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

**\* Doxology GTG#693**

**“Though I May Speak” (verse 3)**

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, we present these offerings to you in faith. We trust that you will bless and use them to further Christ’s ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. Amen.

**Prayers of the People** (See backpage)

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn (See insert)**

**“This Little Light of Mine”**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

God is Good! All the time! All the Time! God is Good!

Your heart beckons you to “Come! To seek God’s face!” Let us listen to the needs of our heart and leave this house of worship ready to seek, find and follow our Savior. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

**The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

**Amen**

**Postlude**

### Prayers of the People

Eternal God, in this season of Epiphany, this season of Divine “showing” we recall the wonder of Christmas and the birth of Emmanuel with joy and gratitude. Still, our problems, our brokenness and our suffering remain. Our hearts cry for you as we seek to know you face to face, as intimate as creature and creator can get. So often we can’t find you and feel forsaken in the midst of our despair. Show us how wrong we are, Holy God. Restore our confidence in your presence.

We pause here to focus our minds and hearts on you, God, in this prayer. The psalmists, ages ago, lifted their prayers to you in faithful confidence that you would hear and receive their petitions. Following their lead, we lift our petitions for the world, our communities and our loved ones.

In your mercy, O God, hear our prayers.

We pray for our world full of violence, political tension and suffering. We pray for the Ukrainians who remind us of democracy’s fragility and inspire us to cherish our right to self-determination. Protect those who hold to good and resist evil. Soften the tyrants who fail to see the global consequences of greedy pursuits. Lift the lowly in need of grace. Set the oppressed free.

In your mercy, O God, hear our prayers.

We pray for our communities, for the people searching for companionship and communion, for the ill and their caregivers, for the laborers who ensure our needs are met. God, help us see you at work among us, in the bonds we form serving together, in kindness shown and care received, in the ways we grow in understanding and empathy for those whose lives are different. We praise you, God, for the many ways you show up. We praise you for becoming God-with-us in Jesus Christ. Dispel our doubts and fears so we can embrace your presence in the flesh.

In your mercy, O God, hear our prayers.

We pray for our loved ones, those whom we hold closest to heart and mind. Comfort those who grieve. Encourage those who are ill. Embrace those who have received bad news. Make space for those who struggle to belong. Generous God, filter our despair through your good news of great joy, so we might see and know and share your abundant hope and irresistible grace.

In your mercy, O God, hear the prayers of your people. Help us to live as epiphanies of your work and your presence, showing your love to all the world. Now, hear us as we pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying, “Our Father...”.

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## **EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2023**

- In person Hybrid worship at 11AM
- English Bible Study Thursday's at 11:00AM.
- Spanish Bible Study will be Wednesday's at 10:00AM.
- Prayer Time on Friday's at 11AM via zoom.
- Session Meeting Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7PM via zoom
- Annual Congregational Meeting will take place February 5<sup>th</sup> following worship. This will be a hybrid service.
- Session Meeting Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM via zoom

-Zoom worship Service at 11:00AM

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## **Prayers and Praise**

Please pray for Everyone in leadership

Please pray for Keeping Communities Safe

Please pray for Children/ families

Please pray for The Boateng Family

Please pray for The Otu's family

Please pray for The Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for The Sevilla's family

Please pray for Those who harm

Please pray for Peace in the middle of violence

Please pray for The Dyckman's Family

Please pray for The Ozuna Family

Please pray for The Reda's family

Please pray for People struggling with cancer. For healing

Please pray for For the physical and spiritual shape of our nation

Please pray for For leaders, people in a position of authority

Please Pray for Lima family

Please pray for Israel and Palestine

Please Pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

## **Praise Songs and Hymns**

### **You Are My Strength When I Am Weak;**

You are my strength when I am weak;  
you are the treasure that I seek;  
you are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up;  
when I am dry, you fill my cup;  
you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!  
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### **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light.**

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. (Refrain)

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)

### **This Little Light of Mine**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.