

**6th 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: Steady our steps, O God, as we travel the journey set before us.

P: Let us walk in the way of light and pursue the path of peace.

L: Keep us on your course of life as we seek to be faithful

P: And as we gather to praise you, our faithful Lord and God.

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

Hymn of the Month GTG# 749

“Come! Live in the Light!” (Verses 1, 2)

Call to Confession

Into the shadows of our isolation, God speaks the words of life and community. Through God’s graceful, healing presence, God redeems our woundedness and restores us to wholeness. Trusting in God’s gracious provision, let us together confess our limitations and proclaim God’s faithfulness

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and serve together as your church. We confess that we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others and honoring the divine image in all your children.

Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy give us the grace to be your church, confessing our faults, offering forgiveness and working for reconciliation. Turn our hearts to your intentions that we may hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. In Jesus, we ask it. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of pardon

Friends, in Jesus Christ, we have been fed God’s grace and redemption. And that redemption gives us the strength to love our neighbors near and far, proclaiming in our words and deeds:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Gloria Patri**

“Glorify Thy Name”

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Prayer for illumination

O God, what the world says and what you say are often at odds. Set before us now your truth as we hear your Word and as we respond in faithful trust. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Look here! Today I’ve set before you life and what’s good versus death and what’s wrong. If you obey the Lord your God’s commandments that I’m commanding you right now by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments, his regulations, and his case laws, then you will live and thrive, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and so are misled, worshipping other gods and serving them, I’m telling you right now that you will definitely die. You will not prolong your life on the fertile land that you are crossing the Jordan River to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth as my witnesses against you right now: I have set life and death, blessing and curse before you. Now choose life—so that you and your descendants will live— by loving the Lord your God, by obeying his voice, and by clinging to him. That’s how you will survive and live long on the fertile land the Lord swore to give to your ancestors: to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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

Anthem:

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I couldn’t talk to you like spiritual people but like unspiritual people, like babies in Christ. I gave you milk to drink instead of solid food, because you weren’t up to it yet. Now you are still not up to it because you are still unspiritual. When jealousy and fighting exist between you, aren’t you unspiritual and living by human standards? When someone says, “I belong to Paul,” and someone else says, “I belong to Apollos,” aren’t you acting like people without the Spirit? After all, what is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants who helped you to believe. Each one had a role given to them by the Lord: I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow. Because of this, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but the only one who is anything is God who makes it grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together, but each one will receive their own reward for their own labor. We are God’s coworkers, and you are God’s field, God’s building.

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

Sermon

“We Are Here to Grow”

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Hymn GTG#441

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

Words of Gratitude

God’s Word finds fertile ground each time we choose life, each time we share the gifts of God’s grace and love. Let us gather our gifts and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Offertory

RESPOND IN GRACE

“Thank you Jesus”

Thank you Thank you Jesus

Thank you Thank you Jesus in my heart

Thank you Thank you Jesus

Thank you Thank you Jesus in my heart

*** Doxology**

“Sithi Bonga (We Sing Praise)”

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 Section: Love each other

Canvas with butterflies to write prayer request

Hymn GTG#849

“Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God”

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you have planted the seeds of generosity into our hearts and by your grace, you give the growth through our actions and response. Receive the fruit of your mercy and the offerings of our lives and use these gifts to grow your harvest of justice and mercy, Amen.

Prayers of the People (See [backpage](#))

***Lord’s Prayer**

Hymn GTG#472

“Kum Bah Yah”

Announcements

Benediction

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

We see what is set before us: life and death, God’s ways and our ways, blessings and curses. In our response to God’s mercy, choose life, embrace life, offer life, rejoice in life, trusting in the One who longs to bless us with life through the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Amen

Postlude

Prayers of the People

God of grace and steadfast love, we thank you for our life and that we share it in community. We thank you for calling us to ministries of hope and compassion. We pray for your grace to do all that you ask of us: to choose life, to love you and our neighbors without reserve, not halfheartedly but with our whole selves.

Holy God, we bring before you the cares, the concerns and the joys that occupy us. We remember before you those who are at odds with one another: in families, In neighborhoods or offices, in communities and in the church and across political aisles and deep-seated divisions.

We pray for nations in the midst of internal and external conflicts and all those who suffer because of the conflict and violence and terror. We remember before you today those who have physical needs: people who fear for their safety and well-being, people who are hungry or thirsty, people who are exhausted by the demands of work or caregiving, people who are sick or who will undergo surgery and people who live with chronic pain. Bring relief and rest, we pray.

We remember those weighed down with needs of heart and soul: a worry that keeps us awake at night, grief that accompanies us everywhere we go; depression that clouds us or an addiction that grips us and those we love. Lift all of these heavy burdens with the light and peace of your presence we pray.

Sustain us over the long journey toward health and wholeness and give us trust in you, ourselves, and those who love us. We remember before you not only our cares, but also our joys, all the things that are life-giving: a birthday celebrated, an anniversary enjoyed, a baby born, a new job, a new relationship, and a new day of your mercies.

We give thanks that with you there is always a new beginning, a way where there is no way, hope beyond hope, and life beyond death. Give us the courage to trust you as we choose your life-giving path, praying as you teach us, "Our Father..."

Church Officers

At last week's congregational meeting we elected new Deacons and Elders. These are our officers now.

Session		
2024	2025	2026
Rich Ellison	Tom Clemmens	Kofi Boateng
Bob Supina		Duna Fullerton
Deacons		
2024	2025	2026
Lisa Clemmens		Susan Caretta
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"A multicultural congregation worshipping together where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and children share in leadership; and where the strength of our fellowship builds bridges to the community."

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2023

- In person hybrid worship at 11AM
- English Bible Study Thursdays at 11:00AM.
- Spanish Bible Study will be Wednesdays at 10:00AM.
- Prayer Time on Fridays at 11AM via zoom.
- Session Meeting Monday, February 13th 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 children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for Israel, Palestine and Ukraine

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for Raquel Welty

Please pray for Theresa

Please pray for Fior

Praise Songs and Hymns

Come! Live in the light!

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain:

*We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more. *(Refrain)*

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God.

Everyone who longs for the boundless love of God,
everyone who hopes for the coming of God's peace,
The Lord God who created all things beautiful and good
loves you more than you can ever fully know.
God is always watching.

Everyone who worships God and sings glad songs of praise,
everyone who follows God's good and holy way,
the Lord God who created all things beautiful and good
loves you now as one of God's own.
God is always watching

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!