

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

January 15, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany



PRELUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

arr. M. Burkhardt

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Gloria, Gloria

Taizé community

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#230 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

WIE SHÖN LEUCHTET

*INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted "Wee Worship Book")

Faithful God,

you call us to be saints,

but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner. You call us to be servants,

but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work. You put a new song of praise in our mouths,

but we stumble with unfamiliar words.

You show us the way to new revelation,

but we turn away defiant,

insisting we have more important things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts,

and remind us of the joy that awaits us

when we put our trust in you.

Guide us into the light

of your unwavering, never-ending,

and grace-filled love, amen.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and

Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Page 766, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ANTHEN

Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come E. Glass/D. Folkerts

RESPONSIVE READING (adapted from Psalm 40)

One: God hears us when we seek the Lord

and call on his name.

Many: God draws us up from the desolate pit and places of danger and sets our feet upon a rock, making our steps secure.

One: When God puts a new song of praise in our mouth, many will see and revere him and put their trust in the Lord.

Many: Happy are those who trust in our Creator; keep us from selfish ways and chasing after false gods.

One: God's thoughts towards us are loving and unchanging; without measure, extending to all of creation.

ALL: We rejoice and give thanks for the steadfast love and faithfulness of God; keeping us nurtured and sheltered, this day and forevermore.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#248 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION

#234 Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom NEUMARK

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 1:1-12

Page 2, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Gladness, Wonder & Worship"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

arr. P. Manz

M. Adria

*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#236 As With Gladness

DIX

*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Benediction

Shalom

Taizé Community

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

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arr. M. Burkhardt

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing - Christina Ward; Prayers of the People - Jay Buhler; Scripture Reading - Ken Badley; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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