January 23, 2020 Third Sunday after Epiphany Human Relations Day10:30 AM

*Those who are able, please stand

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Third Sunday after Epiphany.

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "Be Still my Soul" Mavis Baldwin, Pianist

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Jesus has truly opened the doors of service to us. Enter into the light given to us by God. Enter into service in the name of Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night".

People: We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Listen everyone! God has given us work to do. What gifts do we have that can serve God?

People: God has called each of us to service to him even before we were born. Leader: It was God who named us. It is God who now calls us by name. The light of God's love shines in us.

People: Help us to be those people who will bring good news to those in darkness and doubt. Let's shine God's love into all the world!

GATHERING SONG "Here I am Lord" UMH 593

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

God of us all. You spoke to the prophets, but your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear your call afresh. Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work. You walked with us before we were even born, and you continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives. We pray with the confidence of those who have been filled with your light in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time with God's Children:

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE Into My Heart... vs 1 TFWS 2160

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "We shall Behold Him" Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGING

Generous God, you have already given us all that we need. Help us trust your continued care, that we may share with others the abundance of your blessings. Strengthen us for service, and remind us of the great joy that awaits those who answer your call. Accept our gifts and give us new songs of praise as we celebrate the opportunity to be in ministry, in the name of Jesus. Amen

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Make me a Channel of your peace" TFWS 2171

Psalter Reading: Psalm 40 UMH 774-775

Affirmation of Faith: Statement of Faith/Canada UMH 883

GLORIA PATRI (We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible) UMH 70 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

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23

SHARING THE STORY "Jesus Call us to Come and See, Love Never Ends" Pastor Joyce Royal

GO NOW TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

January 24, 2022 Free Lunch 11:30 to 12:30

SENDING SONG "Go make of all Disciples" UMH571

THE SENDING FORTH

The promise has been given. We have been called to ministries of service. God goes with us in all that we do, enabling and encouraging us as we serve others. Go in the love of the One who strengthens us for the work to which we are called. Go in the fellowship of Jesus Christ, who claims us as sisters and brothers. Go in the community of the Holy Spirit, who binds us together with all the saints. Go with grace to shine God's love into all of the world. Amen.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "Now On Land and Sea Descending" Mavis Baldwin

Worship Reader: Tom Kevlin Music: Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: The family of Margaret Manikewitz, Family of Louis LeFevre, Family of Jeff Davis,, Family of Kristin Mosher, Family of Arlene Horton, Family of Elfriede Cromling, Jeff Schrum, The Schrum family, The Antonucci Family. Prayers for all who are suffering from Covid, and any other prayers in your heart this day. Prayers for our World this day

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*** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-844-3354***



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