# **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Third Sunday after Epiphany**

January 22, 2023 10:00 AM

Prelude: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Rita Pittman

Welcome and Church Life Rev. Jonathon Kosec

\* Call to Worship

Pastor: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God.

People: Strengthen our faith in your coming and transform us by your

grace.

Pastor: Enable us to walk in your way as we celebrate this Epiphany season.

People: Use our Epiphany journey to remind us we wait upon your coming

again. Help us be your light in our world today.

Pastor: O God, how great you are! Again, on the first day of the week you sent

your Spirit on your disciples.

People: Do not deprive us of your Spirit but renew him in us day by day.

\* Invocation

\* Hymn # 275 Come Thou Almighty King

Offering I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 414. What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4 Jane McKenzie

ECC Choir One Step He Leads

**Today's Message:** "Light Overcomes Darkness" Rev. Jonathon Kosec

Closing Hymn. # 74. O God Our Help in Ages Past. Verses 1-4

Sending Prayer

\* Benediction

Postlude: This Little Light of Mine

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#### **CHURCH LIFE**

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER.

David Olund upcoming by-pass surgery. People who are struggling for direction in their lives. Pray for the mid winter conference.

**BIBLE STUDY** Will resume January 31, 10:00am Arts and Crafts room.

CHOIR REHEARSAL - Sunday morning at 9:00 am Everyone Welcome!

**COUNCIL POSITION OPEN -** Chair, Altar/ Worship Chair. Please see Diane Carl or one of the council members.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** – Are available at the side table. Our Annual Meeting will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> after our service. All are welcome to attend but only members can vote. Please remember to bring your reports that Sunday.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY –** Are available at the side table

**OUR DAILY BREAD** – Books are available at the side table.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** – For Kay Johnson on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm please email the church office if you plan on attending so we can get a count for set-up.

#### Missions Collection on January 29, 2023

Today we are distributing envelopes inside the bulletin for our Local Missions Collection to be held next Sunday on January 29. The Salvation Army is finding that more families are in need of support than ever before. So many have lost or been displaced from their homes. We will be sharing our gifts with the Salvation Army, the South County Food Pantry and the Southeast Conference. Thank you for your support!

<sup>\*</sup> You may choose to stand or remain seated.

## **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 9:1-4. New Living Translation

**9** Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.

For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.

<sup>3</sup> You will enlarge the nation of Israel, and its people will rejoice.

They will rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest and like warriors dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For you will break the yoke of their slavery and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders.

You will break the oppressor's rod, just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian.

Head Usher: George Alexander
Usher/Greeters:
Jane Bickford & Nancy VanEss
Pam Walton & Misty McDuffie

### **Attendance Last Week:**

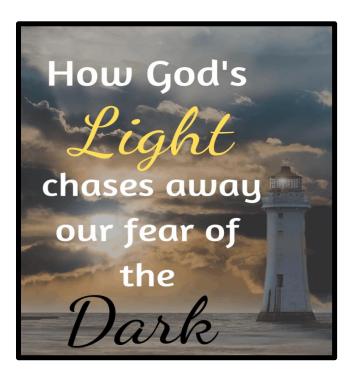
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If, when the sun sinks low tonight, and floods you with its golden light, As you sit thinking of the day, crowed with its work and play, If you recall some kindly deed, A helping hand to one in need, Or just a touch to ease some pain, You have not spent the day in vain.



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