



\*The order of service is subject to change at the leading of **the Holy Spirit**.

***Italicized Bold print*** invites congregational response in unison.

\*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Prelude** Harlan Otter

**Words to Ponder:**

Let your light shine. Be a light to your community. Be a light to the nations. Be a light to the whole world. Let your light shine.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** "Ihr Kinderlein, Kommet" Chancel Choir  
By Christoph Von Schmid

**\*Call to Worship** Chuck Samson

Called to be light,  
**we come this day to shine.**  
Called to follow Christ,  
**we come this day to serve.**  
Called to love God,  
**we come to worship and praise.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Light of the world, shine through our worship, that we might see you more clearly and know you more intimately.  
Reveal your presence and make your voice heard, that we may grow in love and shine with the light of your love for all to see. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise** "We are Marching" TFWS#2235b

**\*Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Pastor Ed

**Children's Message** Pastor Ed

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)** Chuck Samson

Great and mighty God, show us how wondrously and mysteriously you have created us.  
We yearn to shine as brightly for you, as you shine for us.  
We long to see ourselves as the amazing creations you intend us to be.  
Inspire us with your mercy and your grace, that we might know how deeply enriched we are in your love.  
For you have given us the spiritual gifts we need to answer your call and live into our purpose.

**Words of Assurance** Pastor Ed

**Hymn of Response** "Lamb of God" TFWS#2113

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 49:1-7 Chuck Samson

**The Servant's Mission**

**49** Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

**2** He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.

**3** And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

**4** But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD  
and my reward with my God."

**5** And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—

**6** he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

**7** Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*(Musical Interlude)*

**\*Gospel Reading** John 1:29-42 Chuck Samson

**The Lamb of God**

**29** The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' **31** I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." **32** And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. **33** I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' **34** And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."<sup>[a]</sup>

### The First Disciples of Jesus

**35** The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, **36** and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" **37** The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. **38** When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" **39** He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. **40** One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. **41** He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed<sup>[b]</sup>). **42** He brought Simon<sup>[c]</sup> to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas"<sup>[d]</sup> (which is translated Peter<sup>[e]</sup>).

**Reflecting on God's Message** "I Want to Show Them - How to Live." Pastor Ed

### Prayers of the People

### Invitation of the Offering

**Offertory anthem** "The Summons" Chancel Choir  
By John L. Bell

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

**Offering Prayer** Pastor Ed

Lamb of God, bless these gifts with your mercy and your grace.

Shine through these gifts with your light and love, that our ministries and our church may be a beacon of light and love, revealing your presence to our world.

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**\*Sending Hymn** "Christ for the World We Sing" (v1,2&4) UMH#568

### 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.

Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### Benediction

**Postlude** Harlan Otter

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\*Lamb of God - Basilica of Cosmas and Damien

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

## 1.15.2023 | 9:30 am

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.*  
**Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!**  
**Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.**