

JANUARY 22, 2023
FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Third Sunday after Epiphany



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January 22, 2023

11:00 A.M.

*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

PRELUDE

“In Green Pastures”

Harold Darke

WELCOME AND WORDS OF WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: My sisters and brothers, God has given us work to do.

People: God has called each of us before we were even born.

Leader: It was God who named us.

People: It is God who claims us.

Leader: The light of God’s love shines in us.

People: Let’s shine God’s love into all the world.

ALL: AMEN.

***GATHERING HYMN** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” UMH # 400

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A Creed for Epiphany Season

**I believe in God, the creator of the universe,
who spoke, “Let there be light!” and there was light,
setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this
day.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, the light of the world
that shines in the darkness. The darkness cannot
overcome it.**

**He embodied humanity in the image of God.
In kindness, truthfulness, humility, and devotion,
he suffered for the greater good.**

He was and is the Son of God.

He died on the cross for us,

God’s saving grace!

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the guiding light of God in our world.**

Through his Spirit, God penetrates and reveals

the darkness of human sin, helps people grow and become the people they are meant to be. I believe in the power of transformation, through God's spirit and light, here in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father" UMH # 70

CHOIR ANTHEM "The Summons" John Bell
Chancel Choir
Soloists - Jerry Gribler and Terry Lunsford
Flute- Amanda Gear
Conducted by Sherri Sutter

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS "Spirit of the Living God" UMH # 393

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of our light and our salvation, sometimes we prefer to live in darkness, embracing the safety and anonymity of the shadows; sometimes we delight in our divisions, believing we are better than others; sometimes the yoke of our calling feels too heavy, and we seek to slip out from under the bar across our shoulders. Forgive our fear. Forgive our aversion to the light. Forgive our unresponsiveness to your call. Forgive our willful blindness and deafness to the Way. Help us know deep in our souls that you are our light and our salvation, our joy and our wonder, our very life. Hear us as we cry aloud in our need. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF PROCLAMATION** “Spirit Song” UMH # 347

***GOSPEL LESSON** John 1:29-42

SERMON *“Does God have a purpose for my life?”*
Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY “Be Thou My Vision” Edward Broughton

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH # 94

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SENDING HYMN** “Take Up Thy Cross” UMH # 415

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” Richard Blake

ACTIVITIES - JANUARY 23 - JANUARY 29

Monday, January 23

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, January 25

Renewal Hour 3:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 26

Bell Group 1 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir 7:15 P.M.

Friday, January 27

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, January 29

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Kathy Farmer

Greeter

Wayne Hounshell

Trustee

Mike Zuber

Toddler Room Assistant

Debra Arnold

VAN DRIVER FOR JANUARY 29

Van Request:

Art -- 937-279-0650 To ride the van you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

I Corinthians 1: 18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor

Rev. E.. Neil Gaiser, OSL

Administrative Assistant

Carol McDougle

Director of Music

Carol Chatfield

Church Musician

Michele Delduca

Treasurer

Fred Poland

Audio Visual

Technician

Roger Christian

Toddler Room

Attendant

Brooklyn Messer

Building Maintenance

Nelson Clair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

The Children's Sunday School Teachers are informing the congregation they will be on hiatus in January 2023.

Attendance of children and youth during the Sunday School hour was zero for many months in 2022. This hiatus will provide time for the teachers to thoughtfully consider how to support this ministry.

CHILDCARE DURING WORSHIP

Childcare will continue to be provided during worship for children ages 3 - Kindergarten.

MASK POLICY

Masking Recommended by the Trustees