

SERVICE OF THE WORD

January 8, 2023

10:00AM

WELCOME

Pastor Small

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prélude sur l'Intröit de l'Épiphanie

Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

Behold, the Lord, the Ruler hath come:

and the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are in his hand.

- *Intröit antiphon for The Epiphany of Our Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the words and songs, the call to follow. Whoever we are, wherever we are, we are the Church together. Let us worship with thanksgiving and with joy. Amen

INTROIT

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*INVOCATION (in unison)

Holy One, move among us as we worship you. May we hear your Still-speaking voice. You call us to be your own. May we rise anew to honor you and to serve one another in your many names. Hear our prayer, Spirit of the Living God. Amen.

*HYMN 259 (blue)

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

ALL AGES TOGETHER

CHORAL ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter

PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer of our Savior

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Interlude

We Call Ourselves Disciples John Ferguson (b. 1941)

*Doxology

*Dedication of offering

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

The Voice

Pastor Small

*HYMN 357 (blue)

We Call Ourselves Disciples (vss. 1, 3, & 5)

1. We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.
As women, men, and children, we serve, Christ's path to clear.
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.
3. We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless fears,
we live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.
5. So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still
in hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.
From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise,
we go to do God's mission! Christ, lead us all our days!

*COMMISSION

One: As we go out to be the body of Christ in the world,
let us remember the three great loves to which our faith calls us:

ALL: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind; love your neighbor as yourself; and love and care for the earth and all that dwells therein.

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Joy to the World

POSTLUDE

The Only Son from Heaven

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

The only Son from heaven, / Foretold by ancient seers.

By God the Father given, / In human form appears.

No sphere his light confining, / No star so brightly shining

As he, our Morning Star.

- Elizabeth Creutziger, 1500-1535; tr. Arthur Tozier Russell, 1806-1874

*You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.