



**Order of Worship  
January 15, 2023**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*How Great Thou Art*

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

**Call to Worship**

Based upon Isaiah 49:1-7  
Damon Moore

Listen up, everyone!

God has given us work to do.

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

It was God who named us.

**It is God who claims us.**

The light of God's love shines in us.

**Let's shine God's love into all the world!**

**Hymn**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

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**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Damon Moore

**Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance**

Pastor Debra

**Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we**

have more important things to do. Remind us of the joy that awaits us when we listen and put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.

**Ministry of Music**

*Till the Storm Passes By*

Choir

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**Prayer for Understanding**

*All Praying*

Damon Moore

**O Lord, you have given us your Word for a light to shine upon our path. Grant us so to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

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**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.”

**Epistle Reading**

*I Corinthians 1:1-9*

Damon Moore

**Greeting to the Church in Corinth**

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called  
to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has  
been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech  
and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened  
among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on  
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the  
partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Sermon**

*Ordinary or Extraordinary?*

Pastor Debra

**Preparation for Prayer** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
*Verse One*

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*I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.*

**Morning Prayer**

Pastor Debra

**The Lord's Prayer**

## Offertory Invitation

Damon Moore

### Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory*

*Jesus, My Lord*

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

Pastor Debra

God of Abundant Grace, we choose to see the good in one another and our community today, just as you have chosen to see the good in us. Long ago, you called us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We offer these gifts and offerings to you, O God, that we might shine bright for all to see and invite those around us to your welcoming table of divine love. Amen.

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

### Closing Hymn

*Shine, Jesus Shine*

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### Benediction

Pastor Debra

As we leave this place, remember:  
God, who chose you before your birth,  
who calls you and knows you by name,  
now sends you out into the world—  
to bring light to those in darkness,  
comfort to those who grieve,  
hope to those who despair.

And may the blessing of God,  
the love of Jesus Christ,  
and the presence of the Holy Spirit  
be among you and within you  
as you seek to do God's will. Amen.

**Choral Benediction**

*On Eagle's Wings*

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

**Postlude**

*Psalm of Glory*

## HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;*

*to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.*

*2. He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in his sight.*

*3. He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him, on the mountains,  
shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains,  
from hill to valley flow.*

*4. To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever;  
that name to us is love.*

## SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

### *Refrain*

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

*Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us. **Refrain***

*Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. **Refrain***

*As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story. **Refrain***