



**Order of Worship  
January 22, 2023**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Face to Face*

*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**

Dan Ensor

People of God, who do you come to worship?

**We come to worship the one true God.**

How will you worship?

**Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.**

Come, you who belong to God.

Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

**Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.**

**Hymn**

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

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**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Dan Ensor

*Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. Let us share the peace of Christ with those around us by saying, "Peace be with you." To this, we respond, "And also with you."*

**Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance**

Pastor Debra

**“When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our God of grace, let us make our confession before God and one another.”**

God, our Light and Salvation,  
**forgive us for those moments when we have walked in darkness, stumbling in the wilderness of quarrels, division, and bickering. You have called us to follow you and to fish for people but too often we think that *our* way is the *only* way to do your will. Forgive us, Lord, for the brokenness that we bring upon ourselves.**

*Moments of Silent Personal confessions*

God, the Stronghold of our Life,  
**hear our cry as we come to you for unity. Send your Spirit to gather us as you desire us. Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity. Teach us that the “same mind” you call us to have is not ours, but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Ministry of Music**

*It Will Be Worth It All*

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Understanding**

*All Praying*

Dan Ensor

**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.**

**Psalm 27: 1, 4-9**

Dan Ensor

**Triumphant Song of Confidence**

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold[a] of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

4 One thing I asked of the Lord;  
this I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

6 Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

8 “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me.

### **Epistle Reading**

*I Corinthians 1:10-18*

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### **Divisions in the Church**

10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. 11 For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” 13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God[a] that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

### **Christ the Power and Wisdom of God**

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Sermon**

Pastor Debra

**Preparation for Prayer**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See  
Verse One*

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*Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.*

*Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

**Morning Prayer**

Pastor Debra

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory Invitation**

Dan Ensor

As we give our offerings today, I invite us to consider how God may be urging us to be a carrier of His light through the ministry and mission of Harmony UMC by the giving of our financial gifts. Would the ushers please come forward to receive the morning offering.

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

*Not A Sparrow Falleth*

*\*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

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**Closing Hymn**

*O Church of God, United*

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**Benediction**

Pastor Debra

We proclaim the crucified and risen Christ, who is the power and wisdom of God.

**May Christ strengthen us and give us wisdom.**

Go forth in the name of Christ! Go forth in peace.

**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**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

## ***Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service***

*Lord, whose love through humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy's perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift that you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Use the love your Spirit kindles  
Still to save and make us whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving  
Your abundant life to share.*

*Called by worship to your service,  
Forth in your dear name we go  
To the child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, good will and comfort,  
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May your mercy know, and live.*

## ***O Church of God, United***

*O church of God, united  
to serve one common Lord,  
proclaim to all one message,  
with hearts in glad accord.  
Christ ever goes before us;  
we follow day by day  
with strong and eager footsteps  
along the upward way.*

*2 From every land and nation  
the ordered ranks appear;  
to serve one valiant leader  
they come from far and near.  
They chant their one confession,  
they praise one living Lord,  
and place their sure dependence  
upon his saving word.*

*3 Though creeds and tongues may differ,  
they speak, O Christ, of thee;  
and in thy loving spirit  
we shall one people be.  
Lord, may our faithful service  
and singleness of aim  
proclaim to all the power  
of thy redeeming name.*

*4 May thy great prayer be answered  
that we may all be one,  
close bound, by love united  
in thee, God's blessed Son:  
to bring a single witness,  
to make the pathway bright,  
that souls which grope in darkness  
may find the one true light.*