



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JANUARY 8, 2023

PRELUDE "Three Dances from The Nutcracker Suite, op. 71a"
P. Tchaikovsky

OPENING CAROL "We Three Kings"

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!

All: Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!

Leader: Darkness covers the earth and its people, but the radiance of God's Light burns away its shadows, illuminates the smallest corner, and heralds in the start of a new dawn.

All: Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!

Leader: Hearts will no longer fear and souls will be set free. Sister shall follow brother, nation shall follow nation, and kings and princes bow down in awe before the one who comes to reign.

All: Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come! Alleluia!

HYMN "Arise, Your Light is Come" (#231 vs. 1-4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Beautiful Star"
Libby Larsen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, fling wide the portals of our hearts with your Holy Spirit so the radiance of your Scriptures may shine into our hearts with the illuminating knowledge of your glory. Hear us and guide us as we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 1:5-7; 2:3-6

MESSAGE

Gather in Community:
"How Do I Begin?"

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Light of the World"
Lauren Daigle

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

"The First Noel" (#229 vs. 1,3,4,5)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Pilgrim's Chorus"
R. Wagner

Preaching Pastor	Geoff Kohler
Assisting Pastor	Mofid Wasef
Director of Worship	Elizabeth Virkler
Director of Media	Luke Graham
Organist/Accompanist	Ronél Wishnuff
Worship Band	Joey Carano
	Pete Harrison
	Nathan Hubbard
Ensemble	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reader	Bill Bokesch

TO GIVE: .

