

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 22, 2023 | 10:30 AM



**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

**Children are welcome.** We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

**To assist you during worship**: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and the pastors will be happy to commune you at your pew.

**Offerings**: St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

**Assisted Listening:** To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST\_JOHNS\_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen. Individual wired devices coming soon!





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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

## **Prayer Before Worship**

God, our light and our salvation, Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men.

Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol. 1

## Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ELW Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Red Book ACS All Creation Sings: Purple Book

**PRELUDE** Liturgical Improvisation No. 2

George Oldroyd

#### WELCOME

Please stand.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** 

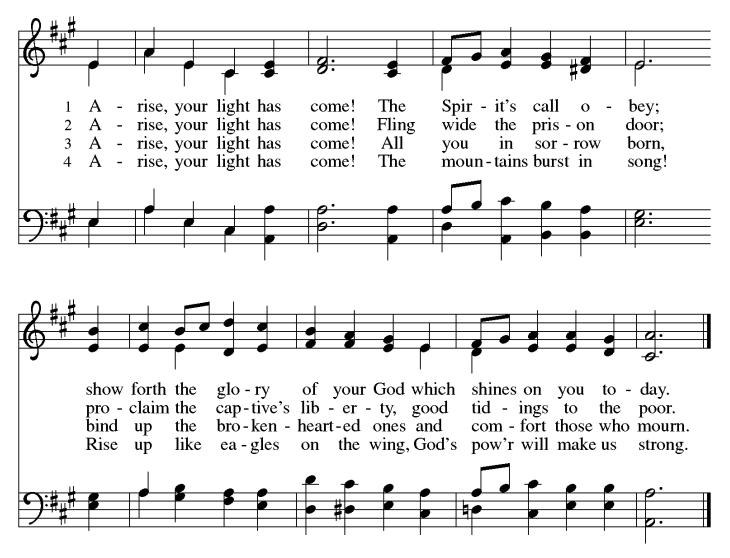
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

## Silence for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.** 

## **GATHERING HYMN** ELW 314 Arise, Your Light Has Come!



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

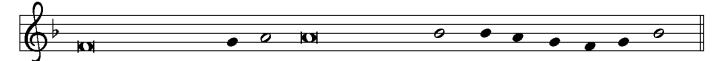
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

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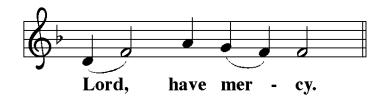


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of

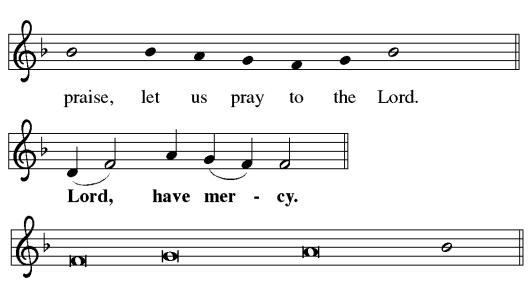


God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.





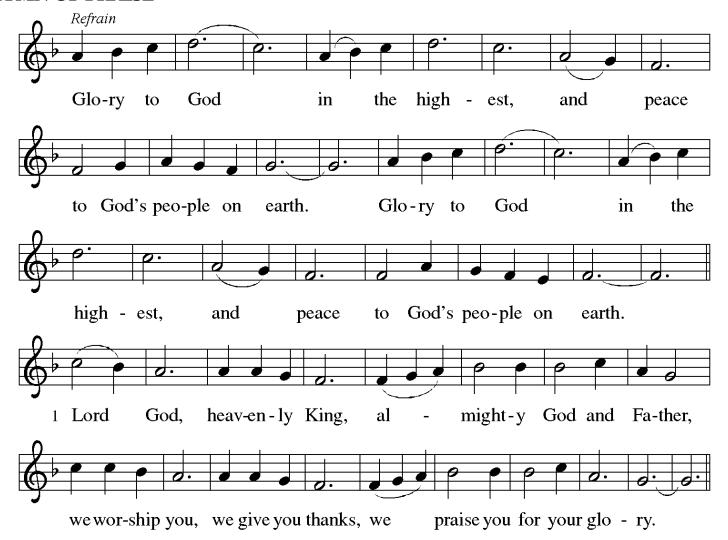
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



## **HYMN OF PRAISE**







## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 



## Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Please be seated.

### FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1–4

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM 27**

Verses 1 & 3 sung by all. Verse 2 choir only. Refrain sung by all.



#### Verse 2 CHOIR ONLY

In the time of trouble, he shall hide me; In the time of trouble, he shall hide me; In the time of trouble, he shall hide me; Whom shall I fear?

Text: Psalm 27; adapt. Lillian Bouknight

Music: THE LORD IS MY LIGHT, Lillian Bouknight

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### **SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

<sup>10</sup>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 united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>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.

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#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





### **GOSPEL** Matthew 4:12–23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

<sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

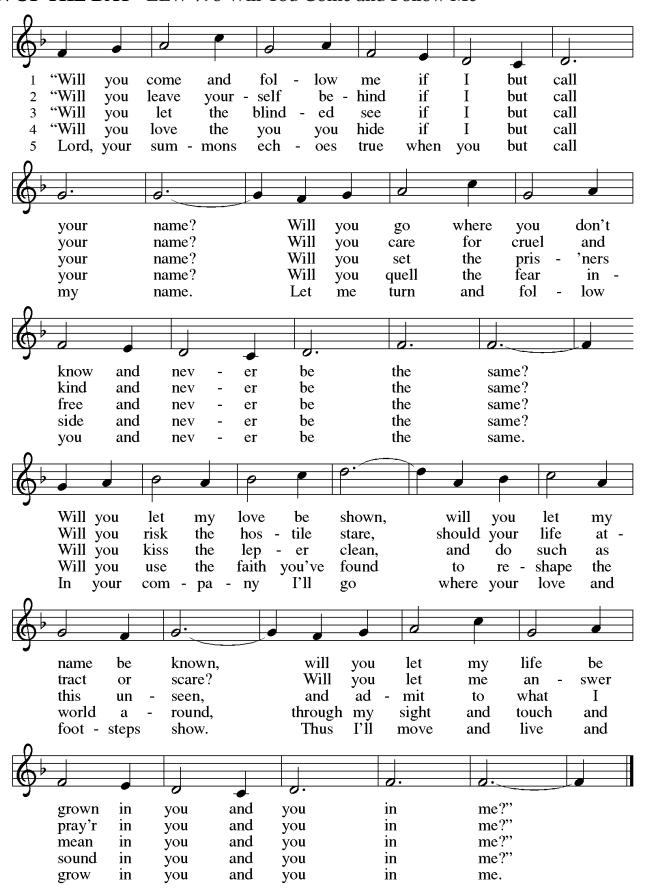
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON** The Rev. Kate Carlisle

## HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 798 Will You Come and Follow Me



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#### **APOSTLES CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of mercy, Hear our prayer.

Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Please be seated.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

### **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code.



## **OFFERING MUSIC** This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!...
Won't let anybody blow it out. No, I'm gonna let it shine!...
Shine my light across the land, I'm gonna let it shine!...
-Traditional Gospel Hymn, Anonymous

### **OFFERTORY** ELW 185 Create in Me a Clean Heart



Music: Liturgy of Joy, James M. Capers, b. 1948 Music © 1993 Augsburg Fortress.

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

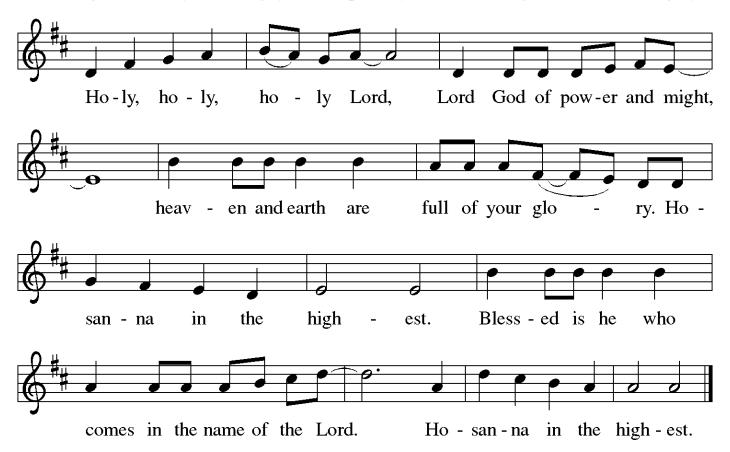
#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



Please be seated.

### RECEPTION OF COMMUNON

If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time.

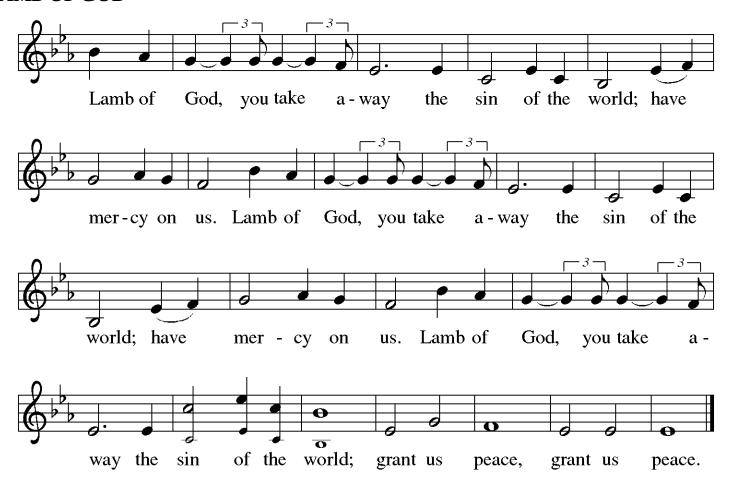
The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer.

The vicar serves the wine from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup.

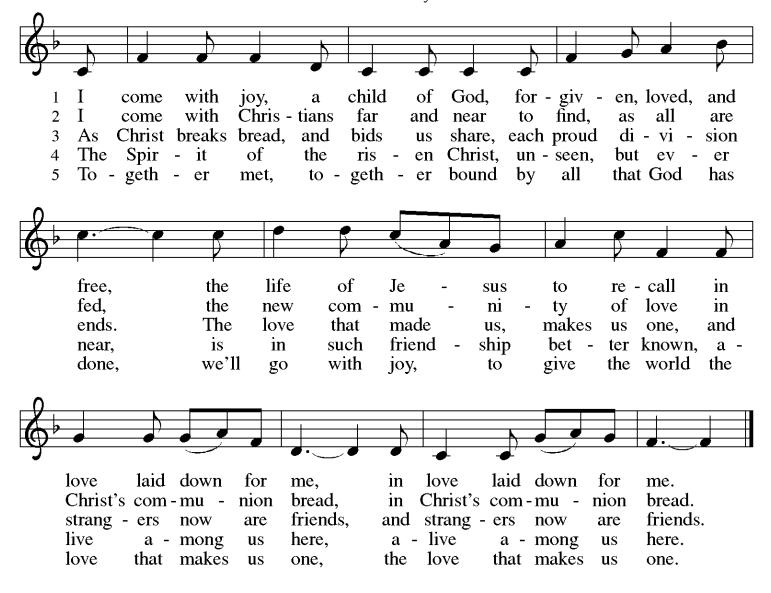
The assisting minister serves the wine/grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

### LAMB OF GOD



## **COMMUNION HYMN** ELW 482 I Come with Joy

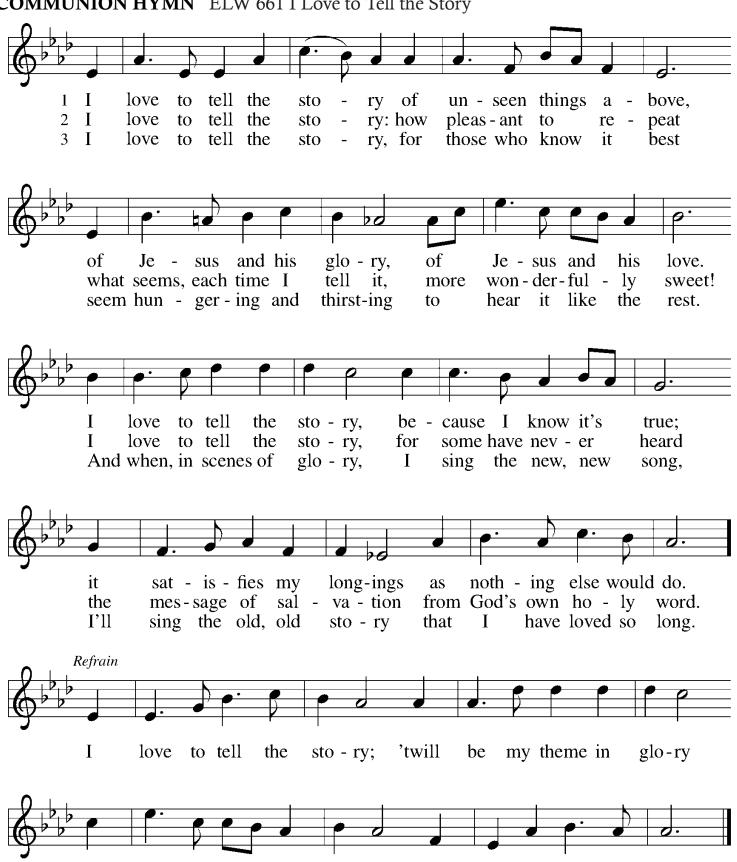


Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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## **COMMUNION HYMN** ELW 661 I Love to Tell the Story



Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

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Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

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Please stand.

#### **BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

join

us hand in hand,

Let us pray. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

## Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **SENDING HYMN** ACS 1038 God, We Gather As Your People



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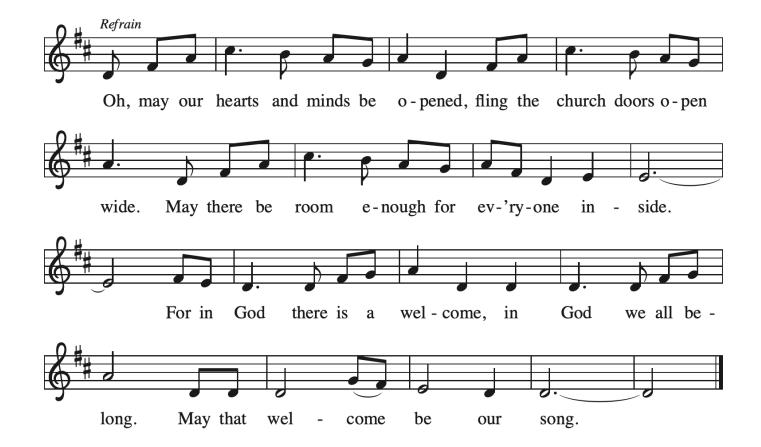
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Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give your peace. **Amen.** 

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Pièce pour la Grand Orgue

Josef Jongen

## January 22, 2023

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Ray and Laura Snyder in honor of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**2023 Offering Envelopes:** If you use offering envelopes for your contributions, 2023 envelopes are available for pickup in the church office.

We welcome The Reverend Kate Carlisle as our guest preacher TODAY at both services. At 9:00 AM, Pastor Carlisle and Pastor Scalet will present a joint forum, "Queer Theology and the Bible: Faith, Sexuality & Gender" as part of our Reconciling in Christ process.

Children's Choir & Children's Faith Formation TODAY. Choir is open to children ages 5 and up. Rehearsals begin at 9:30-10:00 AM in the Choir Room on the lower level. For more information speak to Christopher Harlow-Jennings. Children's Faith Formation is in the Youth Lounge at 10:00 AM. For more information you can speak with Deacon Linda Walker.

Nursery will be open during church services, but will be unattended until further notice.

**New Members:** Have you been worshipping at Saint John's for a while now? Do you consider Saint John's your spiritual home? Maybe it's time to become a member! Contact Pastor Blake to schedule a meeting and take that next step!

Dinner Church, TONIGHT, 6:00 PM. Join us for Word & Sacrament in a dinner setting.

Family Promise, January 22–29, 2023: Meals or gift cards (groceries or Uber/Lyft) are needed. Sign up to volunteer at familypromise.org/what-we-do/fp-union-county, scroll to the bottom of the page to Volunteer Opportunities. Amy Jones, volunteer coordinator, will email you details. Digital gift cards can be emailed to ajones@familypromise.org. Physical cards can be mailed to Family Promise Union County, Attn: Amy Jones, 402 Union Ave., Elizabeth, NJ 07208. Questions may be directed to Marifel Calis.

**Pastor Blake is offering an adult education** opportunity entitled "Our Neighbors' Faith: Exploring the Church Family Tree." Classes start on **Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 PM** and will run for 4 weeks. Join us for a lively discussion.

**Camp Sunday, January 29:** We welcome the Executive Director of Cross Roads, our camp and retreat ministry. Come and learn more about the wonderful gift of outdoor ministry for you and your family.

SJSM Forum on our RIC Welcome Statement, Sunday, January 29 at 9:00 AM. Join us.

**Appapalachia Service Project 2023:** And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then, I said, "Here I am! Send me." (Isaiah 6: 8–9). St. John's will be sending at least one team to Central Appalachia this summer (July 8–15, 2023). Will your child (age 14 and over; 8th grade graduate) join us for an amazing week of service and fun? Your \$350deposit is due by January 31. We plan to fund raise the rest. Please make checks payable to St. John's with ASP on the memo line, and submit to the church office, attention Laura Snyder. Questions? See or email Laura: <a href="maisingle-night-n

St. John's Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 12, immediately following the 9:30 AM service. The meeting will be held in person. Please check your email for more information.

