

January 22, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Third Sunday after Epiphany

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

**PRELUDE** 

"Prelude in F" (Dubois)

Henry Repp

**GREETING** 

Rev. Todd Lattig

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathleen Meredith

God, you send us where your message is needed.

But your message is not always heard or received.

O God, give us the courage not to stop trying.

God, we may sometimes face rejection.

Empower us to keep going to fulfill the purpose you have given us.

O God, there is nothing impossible for you in heaven or on earth.

\*OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

**UMH 451** 

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

This morning, God, empower us to go into our homes, communities, and cities, to tell our families, neighbors, and friends the message of your Son, Jesus Christ. He has sent us to share his message of hope for a new beginning and of freedom for those who are in bondage. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "God's Grace Is So Amazing" (Hayes) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING

Kathleen Meredith

## Luke 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees said to him, "Get away from here if you want to live! Herod Antipas wants to kill you!"

<sup>32</sup> Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox that I will keep on casting out demons and healing people today and tomorrow; and the third day I will accomplish my purpose. <sup>33</sup> Yes, today, tomorrow, and the next day I must proceed on my way. For it wouldn't do for a prophet of God to be killed except in Jerusalem!

<sup>34</sup> "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children

together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me. <sup>35</sup> And now, look, your house is abandoned. And you will never see me again until you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

ANTHEM "All Good Gifts" (Sleeth) Chancel Choir

SERMON Fresh Start Sermon Series: "Hens and Chicks" Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY "Offertory" (Dubois) Henry Repp

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Kathleen Meredith Jesus, you call us to be purpose-driven and generous in a way that sometimes feels risky. As we take that risk and give of ourselves today, help us to remember that you will always protect us under the wing of your loving care. Help us to be more welcoming, like you, and invite others into the warmth of your embrace.

\*CLOSING HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" UMH 452

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE "Grand Choeur" (Dubois) Henry Repp

COME BACK AT 4:00 TODAY FOR THE UNITY CHOIR'S PRESENTATION OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH HERE IN OUR SANCTUARY!

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### Schedule This Week...

Monday, January 23: Chair Yoga 10:00 Tuesday, January 24: Cub Scouts 6:00

Thursday, January 26: Choir Rehearsal 7:00

Saturday, January 28: Treasures of Hope 9:00-2:00 Sunday, January 29: Joy Fellowship Service 9:00

**Sunday School 9:00** 

**Sanctuary Service 10:30** 

#### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor Liturgist Organist/Music Director Greeter Camera Operator Soundboard Operator

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