

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**JANUARY 10, 2021**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

**A PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*God, we ask that you remind us that you are the source of all that gives us life: water, earth, warmth, wind. We take these next moments to be still and breathe in your spirit. Amen.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**SENTENCES OF ADORATION**

**OPENING HYMN: *ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME***

- 1 Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.
- 3 Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.
- 4 Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE**

**CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:**

**Pastor:** Spirit of forgiveness, we breath in the fresh scent of your love. We accept you into the depths of our bodies to awaken our desire for change and displace our selfish impulses.

**Unison:** **God in spirit, you are all around and within us now. Let us exhale and release whatever we hold within that will keep us from filling our lungs and lives with your love.**

**ASSURANCE**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

**Old Testament: Genesis 1:1 – 5**

**New Testament: Mark 4:1 – 11**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: *I WANT THE TRUTH*** *written and performed by Darin Jellison*

**SERMON: *Out of Nothing Comes Something***

**DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL AND WORK**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

**Unison:** We believe in God,  
the creator of all things,  
the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ,  
born Emmanuel, God with us,  
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;  
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,  
suffering for us,  
dying for us  
and being raised from the dead for our sake  
and for the sake of all the world.  
We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
continually poured out refreshing our lives,  
leading us into a new day,  
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.  
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth  
reminding us  
of the gift of faith,  
the ever presence of God  
and the promise of eternal life.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Pastor:** On this day when peoples from afar came to worship Jesus the Lord, let our prayer be as wide as the world. Let us say to the Father:

**Unison:** **Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

**Pastor:** That the light of Christ may shine on all nations far and near and that the Church may welcome them with the diversity of their cultures, let us pray to the Lord:

**Unison: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

Pastor: That in our day justice may flourish and peace come to all of the world, let us pray:

**Unison: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

Pastor: That God's people may hear the poor when they cry, have pity on the weak and open their hearts and hands to the needy, let us pray:

**Unison: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

Pastor: That those who persecute the Lord in those who try to follow him may see his light and be converted, let us pray:

**Unison: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

Pastor: That all who look for a star to guide them may discover the goodness of the Lord in people full of faith and love, let us pray:

**Unison: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

Pastor: That in our Christian communities we may learn, like the wise men, to share the treasures of our goods and hearts, let us pray:

**Unison: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

Pastor: Lord our God, we rejoice that you have become near to us in Jesus your Son.

### *Pause for private intercessions*

Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass.

We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;

**Unison: Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

#### **THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: WARM WHITE LIGHT** *written and performed by Darin Jellison*

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Unison: God who moves in, around and through the waters, we remember you are near and dedicate a gift of gratitude to you, for your use. We have worked to collect and recollect abundance. We have toiled and felt the weight of futility. But we come now in earnest hope and faith to offer what we have, do what we can, and let go of the outcome. Amen.**

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**SPECIAL MUSIC: GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD – Chris Rice**

*Darin Jellison*

## **Unison Invitation:**

**We remind one another: Jesus welcomes everyone at this table. No one is turned away. If you seek God's presence, come and eat. If you are hungry for this spiritual food, come and eat. If you have questions and doubts, come and eat. If you feel unworthy, come and eat. This table is spread for all of us that we each might experience God's abundant and unconditional love.**

## **The Story**

**Prayer of Consecration** (*adapted from the UCC Book of Worship*)

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**Concluding Prayer**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

### **CLOSING HYMN: O RADIANT CHRIST, INCARNATE WORD**

1. O radiant Christ, incarnate Word, eternal love revealed in time: come, make your home within our hearts, that we may dwell in light sublime.
2. Our bartered, busy lives burn dim, too tired to care, too numb to feel. Come, shine upon our shadowed world: your radiance bathes with power to heal.
3. Your glory shone at Jordan's stream, the font where we were born anew. Attune your church to know you near; illumine all we say and do.
4. Light of Nations, fill the earth; our faith and hope and love renew. Come, lead the peoples to your peace, as stars once led the way to you."

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Special thanks to **Darin Jellison** for sharing his musical talents with us this morning, and to the **Kosers** for filming the service for all to see.  
God's Blessings!