

# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

January 3, 2021

*“Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise. Ps. 48:1*

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Organ Prelude  
Welcome  
Introit

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: From distant lands and faraway shores, God calls us together.

**People: Like a shepherd tending his flock, God gathers us in.**

Pastor: Along straight paths and cleared byways, God guides our journey.

**People: Like a mother taking her firstborn’s hand, God leads us home.**

Pastor: Praise the Lord, O people! Shout for joy!

**People: Let us sing aloud with gladness.**

**Unison: Let us worship the Lord!**

## INVOCATION

## PRAISE TO GOD

Hymn #345 “Blessed Assurance”

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you call us to testify to the light of Christ, which enlightens everyone, but we hide in the shadows and shrink from bearing witness to the light. Yet, even now, you dwell among us, full of grace and truth. Empower us to embody your love and embrace your hope. Long after the wreaths and ribbons are packed away, remind us that your light still pierces the darkness. Sustain our joy, surround us with peace, and inspire us to bear witness to your abundant grace and enduring truth. In Jesus name we pray. Amen**

## Silent Confession

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news! The Liberator has come to free us from all proud pretenses. The Christ has come in Jesus of Nazareth to show us the undeserved favor of God.

**People: Friends, believe the Good News!**

**Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* Gloria Patri (#623 Hymnal)

JLK

Anthem:

## GOD’S WORK IN PRAYER

Prayer Concerns  
Pastor’s Prayer and Lord’s Prayer  
Response

## GOD’S WORD

Scripture: John, 1:1-18

**Sermon: “Word of God Made Flesh”**

**Holy Communion**

\*Hymn #4 “How Great Thou Art”

## GOD’S WORK AND WORSHIP IN GIVING

Announcements and Pew Registration  
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Prayer  
Hymn #354 “Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”  
Benediction  
Response  
Postlude