

ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 22, 2023 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WORDS TO PONDER

Do you know that God can use your life?

WELCOME & SHARING OF COMMON CONCERNS

A TIME FOR GREETING

PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You call us, O God, to have the same mind

People: so we can know each other's joys and sorrows.

Leader: You call us, O God, to have the same purpose

People: so we can be one people who are not afraid to follow Jesus.

Leader: You call us, O God, to have the same mission

Unison: so we can serve together in Your kingdom.

OPENING HYMN

#207 Red

"Jesus Calls Us: O'er The Tumult"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus came to Galilee with the message of John the Baptist: Repent for God's realm has come near. His invitation went out to common everyday folks: "Follow me." We, too, are called to repent and to follow.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Turn our lives around, God. Help us to identify in ourselves those parts of us that need to change if we are to experience Your joy. Too long we have been hiding in the shadows, reluctant to express our faith. Too long we have shunned the light, afraid of what might be exposed. Too long we have avoided people with whom we have a quarrel, refusing to build bridges across our differences. Save us from ourselves that we may enjoy Your realm.

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Light has come. Salvation is poured out on those who accept it. God is gracious and reaches out to welcome us. We are free to accept the invitation to follow Jesus. There is good news of forgiveness and healing to be shared. Let's do it!

ANTHEM

"We Are Singing, For The Lord Is Our Light"

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Psalm 27:1-9

Matthew 4:12-25

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON

"Follow Him"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

#205 Red

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

*UNISON BENEDICTION

We depart with joy in our hearts and the intent to live by the best we know. We are set free from bondage to accept the challenge of responsible freedom. God summons us to follow Christ and invites all men and women to discipleship.

*POSTLUDE

*Indicates those who are able, please stand.

Following the service, please greet those around you and make everyone feel like a part of this family of faith.