

Theme for 2023: "I have come so that they may
have life and live it to the fullest" John 10:10



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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either
on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.*

**Congregation, please stand if able*

Point to Ponder: God may not be visible, but God
is always with me.

BEGINNING WITH A SONG

No. 454

"Open My Eyes Lord"

WHY HAVE WE COME TO WORSHIP

Rudy Hyde

Leader: We are a people who have come to worship Jesus
Christ.

People: Walking with Christ is a journey of faith.

Leader: We may not know where God is leading. We may not
see a clear path in front of us. We may not understand
our circumstances.

People: Walking with Christ is a journey of faith.

Leader: Therefore, we choose to trust even in the midst of the
doubt and fear that life brings. We believe that Jesus
opens our eyes to for the evidences of God's grace and
mercy.

People: Let us walk with Christ this day.

SONG OF PRAISE

No. 206

"I Want to Walk as a Child of Light"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor Melissa

Merciful Savior, too often our eyes are as dim as those of the two disciples who walked to Emmaus. You stand in our very midst, but we are unaware and disconnected. We sit with you at the dinner table but look right past you. You speak to us, but our hearing is dull. We read the Scriptures, but we fail to understand. Lord, we desire to know you, to see you, to hear you. Please forgive us of our blindness of faith . . .

A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: You have given us so much — and we often fail to see that you are the source of all we have. Accept these gifts and use them to further your work in the world. We present not only our monetary offerings, O God, but ourselves. When you made us, you bestowed on each of us talents and gifts. With your help, we seek to channel our passions and use those gifts in your service and to your glory. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Hank Tharpe

*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE FOR JANUARY:

1 Peter 1:6

Be Truly Glad for there is
WONDERFUL JOY Ahead

1 Peter 1:6

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Spirit of Wisdom and Light, shine in the deepest recesses of our minds and hearts. Allow no hiddenness to remain in us.

Flood us with the truth of your Word, which has the power to change and renew us. For truth is found in the Word Incarnate, and the truth will set us free. Amen.

PSALTER

Bill Elliott

Psalm 8

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL**

Yvette Cortez

Luke 24:13-35

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People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

“On the Road”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

***SONG OF GOING FORTH**

TFWS 2158

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

BENEDICTION

Pastor: As we leave this gathered worship, we know that we do not leave alone.

People: **God’s presence is rich in the places God calls us.**

Pastor: We go with one another, bound together in Spirit and in truth, a mighty company of disciples of Jesus Christ.

People: **Let us go, then, separately but together, as we seek to be the on-going sign that God is at work in the world.**

Pastor: God will be there always to walk beside us in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.**

POSTLUDE

Hank Tharpe