First Sunday of Epiphany **January 12, 2025**

In Preparation for Worship

Author of life, you have given us breath to praise you, eyes to behold your mercy, and words to proclaim your abiding love. You have set apart a people to worship you in thought, word, and deed, and through Christ you have numbered us in the midst of them. We sleep with the assurance that you will never forsake us and we awaken each day to the glory of your creating goodness. Breathe upon us the promised Holy Spirit, that our minds may be opened to your wisdom and our tongues boldly declare that you alone are God.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Silent Meditation

"Shall We Gather At The River"

(arr. Jason Tonioli)

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Invocation

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

People: Know that God has set us apart and hears us when we call.

Leader: O God, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

People: O God, be gracious to us and hear our prayer.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #610

Hymnal Page 34 *Nicene Creed *Gloria Patri Hymnal Page 581

Dedication

Reading of the Word: Page 238 I John 1:1-4

*Doxology Hymnal Page 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem Solo

> "Joseph's Song" (by Michael Card)

Supplication

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response "Count Your Blessings" (Chorus)

Exposition

Children's Message/Kids of the Kingdom

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" *Hymn #687

Preaching of the Word:

"What Was"

Prayer of Application

Consecration

*Hymn of Consecration

"O Lord My God"

*Benediction

*Postlude

"Postlude on "Hyfrydol"

(arr. Jason D. Payne)

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* Congregation will stand if able Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary!



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