

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Welcome

Call to Worship

Lord of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, We come to you this first day of the New Year mindful that it is in you that we find our hope and our life. As the angels proclaimed the good news of Jesus' birth, may we too remember and proclaim that you came to bring us life. As we gather to worship today, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

Opening Song: Angels From the Realms of Glory

God's Greeting

Greet Each Other

Song of Praise: Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Author of life and Source of all hope: hear our prayer.

On this first day of the new year, we look with anticipation and with anxiety at all that is before us. We know that You promise hope, grace, and life, but too often we grow impatient and try to forge a way forward on our own. Forgive us, O God, when we take matters into our own hands instead of trusting in your providence. Remind us that you are the only source of wisdom and hope. You are the only one who leads from darkness to light, from despair into joy. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Words of Assurance: Proverbs 28:13, Psalm 28:6,7

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Song: Hours and Days and Years and Ages LUYH 401

Profession of Faith

Song after profession of faith: May the Peace of Christ Be With You

Communion

During the passing of the bread: Behold the Lamb

During the passing of the wine: We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Children's Blessing

Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 13:5-15

Song of Response:

Congregational Prayer
Offering

God's Parting Blessing
Parting Song: Be Thou My Vision