

PALGRAVE

January 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sing a New Song.

The lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit

Welcome and Announcements.

Acknowledging the Land

Call to Worship

God chooses us and loves us

We are God's people: called and empowered.

When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.

And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

Glad to gather in worship with God's people.

God will bring to completion the good work of grace started in us,

And we will find joy and peace in God's loving plan.

Let us worship this God, who claims us and loves us!

Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, who holds all of creation in love, we come to you with gratitude for life and for all the goodness we have experienced in spite of the troubles and difficulties of the past year. We thank you for your presence, giving us hope and peace in our most difficult moments. You have come to us in Christ Jesus to open a path to new life. To you who make all things new, we come with the hope that this New Year will be a renewing year in every way for all of us.

We confess that it is hard for us to make new beginnings, even with the best of intentions. Strengthen us, O God. Help us to be more disciplined in our walk with you and more open to your Spirit as you lead us into the newness unto which you call us.

We place our trust in you to lead us as we seek to follow in the footsteps of Christ - the light of the world. Amen.

Hymn:

Arise, Your Light Is Come VU 79

Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
John 1:43-51

Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Hymn:

One More Step Along the World I Go VU 639

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:

***And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.***

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;

all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:

***And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.***

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:

***And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.***

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

***And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.***

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

***And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.***