

January 15, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude

Greeting/Life of the Church

Pastor Andy Wagner

Introit

Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship

L: Come, all who have known gloom and anguish. Come, all who have walked amid terrors of the night.

P: Sometimes we have felt oppressed and forsaken. Our losses seem greater than we can bear.

L: God is our light and our salvation. God is our stronghold; we need not fear.

P: Enemies lose their power when we look up to God. We come now, seeking God's face.

L: Come, behold the beauty of our God. Come to find shelter in a day of trouble.

A: We will sing and make melody to God. We will dare to lift up shouts of joy.

**Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH#577

Opening Prayer (unison)

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 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. Amen.

Children's Moments

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Morgan Davis

Congregational Response

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Prayer Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH#206

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, your caring moves us to care, and your mercy moves us to kindness. Your justice stirs us to work for the oppressed, and your humility causes us to desire no reward for any deed. Use these gifts according to your compassionate will, we pray in your name. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4: 12-17

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

"Be Present, Spirit of the Lord"

Chancel Choir
Dudley-Smith/Beall

Sermon

"When Light Dawns: Repent"

Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

UMH #359

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

Postlude

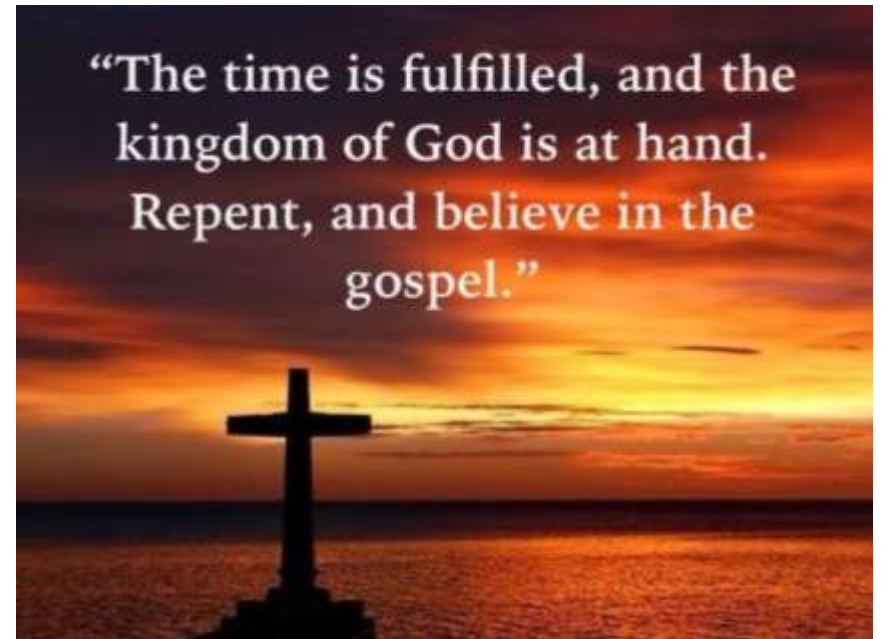


*The Altar Flowers are given by Harry Osman,
in honor of Alice Osman's birthday.*

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 4: 12-17

Jesus Begins His Ministry

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”



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WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.

January 15, 2023 – Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Will Mossing, Chad Mossing, Bob Whipp
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Guest Organist	Mike Klontz
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeek



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