



Order of Worship for January 22, 2023

Sermon Series: Walking with Jesus

Prelude "Think About His Love" **Chancel Choir**
(Composed by Carol Cymbala)

Welcoming and Announcements **Pastor Sharon Kichline**

Blessing of the Children as they join Living Stones

Centering

***Welcoming the Light of Christ with Song**
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" **UMH 206**

***Call to Worship (Isaiah 9)** **Michael Kuelker**

Leader: We walk in darkness.
People: We live in a land of deep darkness.
Leader: We have seen a great light!
People: Light shines upon us!
Leader: God brings us joy!
All: Rejoice before our God!

***Opening Prayer (Psalm 27)** **In Unison**

O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ Among Us**

The light of Christ shines brightly in the darkened places of our lives, bringing healing and hope.
The light of Christ shines brightly in the faces of our neighbors.
Look for that light as we share Christ's peace.

You are invited to greet your neighbors with a wave and a smile ☺

Collection of Our Tithes and Offerings
"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" **UMH 128**

***Doxology and Blessing our Offerings**

Pastor Josh

Generous God, help us trust your continued care, that we may share with others the abundance of your blessings. Strengthen us for service and remind us of the great joy that awaits those who answer your call. Accept our gifts and give us new songs of praise as we celebrate the opportunity to be in ministry, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 119:105
New Testament: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Preparing Our Hearts

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

UMH 601

The Message

Pastor Sharon

“The Quest”

Responsive Prayer

In Unison

Lord, teach me to listen and help me to pay attention to the ways in which you reveal yourself in the world all around me. But also, dear Lord, fan the flame of my hunger to know you better through study of the scriptures, finding in them the words of life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

***Benediction (Matthew 4)**

Pastor: Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow.
People: Go and tell the news of God’s love.
Pastor: Cast the nets of grace wide,
People: that all may see the glory of God.
Pastor: Go forth and shine with God’s light!
People: May God—Source, Word, and Spirit—bless us with the radiance of love.

***Sending Song**

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

UMH 344



*How wonderful to have you in worship with us today!
We are a church family that welcomes you.*