



**Worship Service for January 26, 2025**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Paula McKnight
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Felix
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Pastor Felix
<b>Praise and Worship Song</b>	Congregation

"You Are the Light of My Path"

You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.

You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.

You are a light on my path.

Teach us Your Way, Give us Your Life,  
Smile at the praise we bring.

Teach us Your Way, Give us Your Life.

Smile at the praise we bring.

You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.

You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.

You are a light on my path.

Even in fear, we will not stray.

You are our history.

Even in fear, we will not stray.

You are our history.

You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.

You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,

showing the way leading on.

You are a light on my path.

I am resolved to follow You.

You are my heart's delight.

I am resolved to follow You.

You are my heart's delight.

You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.

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shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.

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**Announcements**

Paula McKnight

**Call to Worship**

Paula McKnight

LEADER: Welcome! Welcome to the joys we share, the griefs we bear, the baggage we carry, and the dreams we hold. Let us worship!

**ALL: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship. Let us examine our lives!**

LEADER: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God. Let us reorient!

**ALL: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as a true and transparent community in Christ. Let us live this life!**

**\*Congregational Song**

Congregation

“Your Light Has Come”

Lift your head,  
raise your eyes,  
look around.

Your light has come,  
Your light has come.

Light the world,  
heal the earth,  
bear the Christ.

Your light has come,  
Your light has come.

**Gathering Prayer**

Congregation

**ALL: O God of Compassion, show me how to reach a deeper awareness of your love in me. Take me past the pain to the source of healing where I can know my true self and be renewed. Let me take in whatever is given and cleanse it in your light. Expose my cave of darkness where I hide my fears and let me see how the light transforms all it touches. Steady me as I look into the window of my soul and its perfect reflection of inner truth, as it offers me the choice of a new path. Reveal to me the brighter image of the one who**

**stands within the great possibilities, the fulfillment that is present in accepting myself in you.**

**Amen**

**Biblical Witness**

Paula McKnight

Mark 1:12 & 13

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

**Contemporary Witness**

Pastor Felix

“Building Your Compass: A Voyage of Introspection”  
by Edon Kleine

Even without having endured a Shakesperian or Greek tragedy, we each go through our own unique journey; we experience success and setbacks, elation and sorrows, love and loss, and much more. Like the rest of us, I have my own trials and tribulations; I have gone down my own “abismos.”

When we are in challenging circumstances, or reach a significant new fork in the road, most of us want guidance and reassurance. Reaching an equilibrium of joy and fulfillment doesn't passively happen for me. It requires my emotional intention and dedication.

**Reflection**

Pastor Felix

“The Examined Life, Part III”

**Special Music**

Mark Vines (video)

“With Us”

Sometimes I just lose myself.

Fear and doubt take hold.

Times when I feel overwhelmed

by all that is unknown.

Spirit come and calm me down.

Help my heart find Home.

Still my mind, my fear, my doubt

Help me to truly know...

You are with me, with me

Though my eyes may not see

How you're holding, my life

Loving me perfectly.

Sometimes we all lose ourselves

when our fears take hold.

May we learn this prayer so well

it's here when needed most.

Spirit come and calm us down.

Help our hearts to find Home.

Still our minds, our fears, our doubts.



Help us to truly know...

You are with us, with us

Though our eyes may not see

How you're holding, our lives

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**Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns**

Pastor Felix

**Invitation to Offering**

Paula McKnight

UCC California Wildfires 2025 Campaign

**Offertory Music**

Marshall Davies

**\*Doxology**

Congregation

**ALL: Praise God for gifts of hope and peace**

**Praise God for gifts of joy and love**

**Praise God for sending Christ to dwell**

**On earth for us - Emmanuel.**

**Amen.**

**Offertory Prayer**

Paula McKnight

**ALL: Holy One, accept and bless our offerings this**

**day. Grant that we might live generously, as we**

**serve to be a blessing to our world. May we be**

**faithful in all things and at all times!**

**Amen.**

**\*Congregational Song**

Congregation

Sing! #196 "Let It Shine" vs. 1 & 3

Let it shine, let it shine,

The light of the world that shows the way;

Let it shine, let it shine,  
And show us peace today.

The church bears witness to God's grace,  
Its mission crystal clear:  
to show the world God's human face,  
a world that God holds dear.

Let it shine, let it shine,  
The light of the world that shows the way;  
Let it shine, let it shine,  
And show us peace today.

Now let us give ourselves to God  
Within this war-torn world,  
And work till justice walks abroad  
With flags of peace unfurled.

Let it shine, let it shine,  
The light of the world that shows the way;  
Let it shine, let it shine,

And show us peace today.

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix

**Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! #205 "Dance Into Joy"

So dance into joy with hands upraised.

Greet each new day as the holiest of days,  
and to your God sing great songs of praise,

To your God sing praise!

(x2)

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

### **Today's Worship Participants**

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