



**Worship Service for January 19, 2025
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Mary Davis
Welcome	Pastor Felix
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix
Praise and Worship Song	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.

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

You are a light on my path.

You are a light on my path.

Announcements

Mary Davis

Call to Worship

Mary Davis

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

Mary Davis

Psalm 139:1-6, 23 & 24

O God, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O God, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix

“Ask Me”

A Poem by William Stafford

Some time when the river is ice ask me
mistakes I have made. Ask me whether
what I have done is my life. Others
have come in their slow way into
my thought, and some have tried to help
or to hurt: ask me what difference
their strongest love or hate has made.
I will listen to what you say.
You and I can turn and look
at the silent river and wait. We know
the current is there, hidden; and there
are comings and goings from miles away
that hold the stillness exactly before us.
What the river says, that is what I say.

Reflection

Pastor Felix

“The Examined Life, Part II”

Special Music

Marshall Davies

“I Choose Love”

In the midst of pain, I choose love.

In the midst of pain, I choose love.

In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,

I await the sun again, I choose love.

I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.

In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,

I will choose the good once more, I choose peace.

I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise.

When my world falls down, I will rise.

When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,

I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.

I will rise.

In the midst of pain, I choose love.

In the midst of pain, I choose love.

In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,

I await the sun again, I choose love.

I choose love.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix

Invitation to Offering

Mary Davis

Double Down For Plymouth

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

Mary Davis

**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

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