



Living Mosaics
Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022 11:15 a.m.

Gathering Song #276 *Sing a New Song unto the Lord*

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

We stand at the turning of the year,
**looking back on what has been
and ahead to what is to come.**

Our faith is fragile because our world is plagued by suffering and evil.
**Our hope is dimming as our world is crucified by hatred
and torn apart by violence.**

Our world is but a shadow of the greatness for which God created it.
**And yet we cling to the vision we discover in the Scriptures
that the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness will never overcome it.**

Song #666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Opening Prayer

**Mighty God,
who brought us through the darkness of the night
to the light of this new day,
we give you thanks:**

**for the light of beauty
that whispers its truth in surprising ways,
for the light of compassion
that washes road-soiled, life-battered feet,
and for the light of joy that glows
even in the darkness of grief and suffering.**

**We pray that you will guide us through this year:
whether in dark or light,
whether in heartbreak or gladness
whether in trial or celebration,
that your light might shine in us and through us
into the dark corners of our world.**

We pray in the name of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 1:1-14

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Greg Jones

Song #749

Come! Live in the Light!

Celebration Of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Bread of Life has come to satisfy the hungry.

The Good Shepherd has come to seek the lost.

The Mother Hen has come to gather her chicks.

The Word has become flesh and dwells among us.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Eternal God...

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer following Communion

**Loving God, we pray that we may know Christ's transforming love
and live a new life patterned on his.
Give us who are nourished by him,
the grace to share our bread with people who are hungry
and with those whose hearts are hungry.
Keep us faithful in your service on this earth
until the day we join you in your eternal realm.
Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Song #744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Sending

Song #670 *From the Rising of the Sun*

Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

Please remember in your prayers Chris Waisanen.

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our first service is at 9:00 a.m., and includes organ and choral music. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and a sermon.

Children are welcome. Yellow worship bags for children are located near the chapel entrance.

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<http://stushieart.com/2013/12/03/Christmas Art>.

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