

**First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**

3^d Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

The Community Gathers Before God

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prelude

Aria
J. S. Bach

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Heather Alvarado

Beloved of God, we gather in this sacred place to worship our God.

WE COME SEEKING COMFORT, INSPIRATION, COMMUNITY, AND INSIGHT.

We come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

WE COME TO OFFER UP THE SEASONS AND THE TURNINGS IN OUR LIVES, TO ASK GOD'S GUIDANCE IN OUR LEARNING AND OUR GROWING.

Let us give thanks to God.

WE ARE NOT ALONE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

#4

*Prayer of Invocation

Heather Alvarado

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prayers of the People

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

A Reading of the Psalms

Psalm 130

Heather Alvarado

Anthem

The Lord Is My Light
Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson
Sermon

Matthew 18:21-35

p. 20 NT
Rev. Caryn Yoast

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

Communion Hymn

When You Do This, Remember Me

#400

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Words of Institution

Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jack Lingbloom

Communion Music

Sarabande
G. F. Handel

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

The table of the Lord is open to any and all who would come. The Lord is host; he invites and welcomes everyone to share in his supper. Please partake of the bread and cup as you receive it.

Invitation to Offering

Heather Alvarado

Offertory Music

Adagio
G. F. Handel

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

*Doxology

#47

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Caryn Yoast

The Community Departs for Ministry

*Silent Prayer for the World

*Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

#595

*Carrying the Light to the World

Postlude

Toccata
Claude Debussy

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

*Benediction

Rev. Caryn Yoast

*Those who are able, please stand.

Life of Our Church

- January 23 – Admin. Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- January 29 - State of the Church Sunday
- January 30 – Ministry Board Meeting 6pm
- February 5 – Scout Sunday
- February 12 – Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive collection deadline
- February 22 – Ash Wednesday 6:30pm



*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14*

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