

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany – January 22, 2023 – 10:30am

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Gathering Music -

Prelude – *“We Are Marching in the Light of God”*

A Word of Greeting and Welcome/Centering Words ~ Minister Ainise Isama’u

Where there is darkness, there is also light. Look for the light – places of love, joy, grace, and hope.

Opening Hymn* - *“The Summons” (TFWS 2130, verses 1, 2 & 5)* Amy Higa, organ

Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship

Call to Worship (L: Leader P: People)- Traci Saruwatari

L: We come seeking God,

P: the one who guides us and protects us.

L: People of God, there is nothing to fear,

P: for God dwells in our hearts

L: Let us shout with joy, for God is here!

P: Let us sing praises to the Holy One!

Opening Prayer Traci Saruwatari

God of light, we come tired and weary, carrying many burdens. We come wondering if you are even here. We come seeking your face, seeking your love. In this moment, Holy One, open our hearts to the mystery of your love. Remind us that you are always with us and that you never leave us. Reassure us that you love us, even as you invite us to love one another. In this time and space, may we say “yes” to you. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Message for the Children (In Us All) Minister Ainise Isama’u

The Word of God for the people of God

Congregational Hymn – *“We Are the Church”*
(UMH 558, verses 1, 2 & 5) Amy Higa, organ

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23 Traci Saruwatari

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴ This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said:

¹⁵ *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,*

¹⁶ *the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light,
and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death.*

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" ¹⁸ As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." ²⁰ Right away, they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and ²² immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

L: The Word of God for all people

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon: ~ "Come, follow me!"

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Minister Ainise Isama'u

We Respond to God's grace

Offering Our Gifts ~

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Doxology*

Amy Higa, organ

***Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Traci Saruwatari

Loving God, light of the world, we thank you for these gifts. May they share your joy and your hope, bringing reconciliation and help to those seeking to walk in your ways. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Holy Name

SPRC Announcement

Pearl Iizuka, SPRC Chair

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC –

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Closing Hymn* ~ *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*
(UMH 361 verses 1, 3 & 4)

Amy Higa, organ

Commission and Blessings * -

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Passing of the Peace* - Postlude