

February 21, 2021, 10:30AM

**Welcome and Announcements**

Deacon Greg Lawton

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

**Prelude**

**“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**  
(arr. Chris Rice)

Audie Heydenburg, piano

**\*Call to Worship**

Earl Poleski, Worship Assistant

**We thank you, O God, for calling us to be your people. We have come, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your spirit. We now turn to you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name to empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**“Lord of the Dance”**

Hymnal No. 261

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came to me and the dance went on.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
and they left me there on the cross to die.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll, never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

## **Unison Prayer**

Earl Poleski

**Inviting God, may we listen for your voice through the noise and clutter of our world and in hearing it be brave enough to follow. For in your love, you are calling us by name and asking us to be your people. And that's all we've ever truly wanted. Amen.**

## **First Lesson**

Mark 1:4-11

Earl Poleski

## **Anthem**

**"Walk on the Water, Peter"**  
(David Davenport)

Journeymen

## **Silent Prayer**

Deacon Greg Lawton

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

**Second Lesson**

Isaiah 43:1-3a

Deacon Greg Lawton

**Sermon**

Deacon Greg Lawton

**“Love Calls You by Name”**

**Anthem**

**“Sometimes a Light Surprises”**  
(arr. Philip Kern)

Journeymen

**Offertory Invitation**

Deacon Greg Lawton

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**“Maker in Whom We Live”**

Hymnal No.88

*Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move  
The glory, power and praise receive for thy creating love.  
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.*

*Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race  
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.  
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,  
and cry, “Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb.”*

*Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore  
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart renewing power.  
Not angels tongues can tell thy love’s ecstatic height,  
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.*

*Eternal, Triune, God, let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.  
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,  
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.*

**Benediction**

Deacon Greg Lawton

**Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**Postlude**

**“He Hideth My Soul”**  
(Mark Hayes)

Audie Heydenburg,  
piano



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