

*Order of Worship*  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**  
9:30 am – January 2, 2022

***Participating Live?***

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.*

**PRELUDE** *Away in a Manger* arr. Randall Hartsell  
Shirley Otero, piano

**WELCOME** Esther Benedict, Lay Leader

**HYMN** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* UMH 173  
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 808926

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

**OPENING PRAYER** (unison) Tasha Salas, Liturgist

**God of glory, Your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like Him, may become beacons of Your justice, and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.**  
(Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, ©2002)

**HYMN** *Once in Royal David's City* UMH 250  
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1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed; Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us he grew; he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew; and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER** Esther Benedict, Lay Leader

**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.**

**ANTHEM** *Mary, Did You Know?* Lowry & Greene  
FUMC Chancel Choir; Rich Medrano, director; Shirley Otero, accompanist

**SCRIPTURE** *Psalm 98; John 1: 1-9 (NRSV)* Tasha Salas, Liturgist  
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** *Light in the Darkness* Bishop Grant J. Hagiya

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison) Esther Benedict, Lay Leader  
**Living God, your radiance shines in the beauty of creation. In Christ your Son, you have given the**

world eternal light that burns brightly in the midst of darkness. Lead us by your Spirit to share your warmth and grace with our neighbors. Let our lives in this new year be an offering. We pray through Christ, the light of the world. Amen. (adapted from *umcdiscipleship.org*)

**HYMN**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

UMH 206

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I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.  
In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.  
In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.  
In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

Shirley Otero, organ

Music: Johann Schop, 1641; Harmonized: J.S. Bach, 1734

***Prayer Requests:***

Woodland Hills UMC — Pastor Seung-il Whang

Westlake Village UMC — Pastors Walter Dilg & Rachel Tabutol

Matt Drake (step-brother of Sean Salas) — recovering from brain surgery

Family and friends of Douglas Harrington (brother of Ron) — passed away 12/19/21

Echo Kukuchek — recovering from hip surgery

Kate Stradling (Kimmie's twin sister) — return to hospital ICU



## MOSES:

### *In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*

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January 17, 2022

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