

# SUNDAY GATHERING // 1.1.23

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New to Seaside? We would love the chance to connect with you! You can fill out a connect card at the connect corner or online @ [seasidechurch.com/connectcard](https://seasidechurch.com/connectcard).
- Please plan to come to our All Church Meeting, Sunday, January 15 from 5:30- 7p. We'll be discussing some important changes coming up in the life of Seaside in 2023!
- We have some bible reading plans if you would like to join us in reading the bible in a year. You can get a digital copy @ [seasidechurch.com/resources](https://seasidechurch.com/resources), scroll down to the Bible section.

## COLLECT:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## READINGS:

### Isaiah 61:10- 62:5

[10] I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of  
salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of  
righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with  
a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
[11] For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to  
sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and  
praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

[62:1] For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,

### Psalms 147:12-20

[12] Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!  
Praise your God, O Zion!  
[13] For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
he blesses your children within you.  
[14] He makes peace in your borders;  
he fills you with the finest of the wheat.  
[15] He sends out his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.

and her salvation as a burning torch.  
[2] The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
[3] You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of  
the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
[4] You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed  
Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
[5] For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you. [ESV]

[16] He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters frost like ashes.  
[17] He hurls down his crystals of ice like  
crumbs;  
who can stand before his cold?  
[18] He sends out his word, and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow and the waters  
flow.  
[19] He declares his word to Jacob,

his statutes and rules to Israel. they do not know his rules.  
[20] He has not dealt thus with any other nation; Praise the LORD! [ESV]

### **Galatians 3:23-4:7**

[23] Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. [24] So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. [25] But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, [26] for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. [27] For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. [28] There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. [29] And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

[4:1] I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, [2] but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. [3] In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. [4] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. [6] And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" [7] So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. [ESV]

### **Luke 18:35- 19:10**

[35] As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. [36] And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. [37] They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." [38] And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" [39] And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" [40] And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, [41] "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." [42] And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." [43] And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

[1] He entered Jericho and was passing through. [2] And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. [3] And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. [4] So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. [5] And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." [6] So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. [7] And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." [8] And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." [9] And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. [10] For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. [ESV]

### **LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR 1.8.23:**

Jeremiah 31:7-14 // Psalm 84 // Ephesians 1:3-14 // Luke 2:41-52