

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 1, 2023 New Year's Day

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

A Time of Praise

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice with the heavens: Christ is born!

PEOPLE: God's light has come to earth.

Leader: Sing of this miracle: God's salvation is for all.

PEOPLE: We sing with all the earth.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad in Christ, our Savior.

PEOPLE: We worship this day in spirit and truth.

*OPENING HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vs 1, 3,4,6) # 234

OPENING PRAYER (unison) Light of the World, shine in our lives this day. As we hear your Word and as we worship, help us to grow in the strength and wisdom of your love. You have come to us in the Christ Child to redeem the world. May we find your miraculous presence in each new day in the new year ahead. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 50 # 783

Act of Confession and Pardon

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION You have chosen us for yourself, O God, and yet we choose other paths, other roads, other priorities. Guide us back to you, we pray. Forgive us when we destroy harmony and when we withhold forgiveness from one another. Clothe us with your love and mercy, that we may live as your people of unity and community. All this we pray in the name of the newborn Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Be thankful in this good news: Christ has forgiven us; Christ will forgive us in the year to come.

PEOPLE: In the name of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and clothed in love, ready to share God's Christmas love in all the world.

Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31.31-34 (pg.735)

HYMN *Sing We Now of Christmas* # 237

EPISTLE READING I Peter 1.3-9 (pg.232)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25.14-30 (pg.28)

A COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

Responding To God's Word

A TIME OF PRAYER

Sharing our Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer

A New Year's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer # 895

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology # 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer Response *Jesus, Remember Me...* # 488

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN *There's a Song in the Air* # 249

*WORDS OF BENEDICTION

Leader: Go in peace, for we have seen the salvation of our God.

PEOPLE: We go with joy into the new year ahead, for Christ's love and peace go with us.

*BENEDICTION IN SONG

Sent Forth By God's Blessing (vs 2) # 664

*POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

Lay Reader: Dean Logan

Verne Smith, Video Production Manager
Debbie Greim, Organist and Choir Director
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor



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all people
with the love of Christ.