

## WORSHIP LEADERS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have recorded service online. To view it just click [Here](#).

We are looking for people to read Scriptures for our worship service. If you are interested please let one of our members know. Thank you, Mary Ellen Harris.

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# Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ



The LORD is my  
*light* and my *salvation*,  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the  
strength of my life;  
of whom  
shall I be afraid?

-Psalm 27:1

PsalmsQuotes.com

**We are happy to welcome everyone  
attending St. John's United Church of  
Christ. May God Bless you with His  
abundant love.**

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

**January 22, 2023**

**10:15 am**

**PRELUDE "I've Got Peace Like a River"**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) (Isaiah 9, Psalm 27, Matthew 4)

Leader: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

**People: To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence has appeared.**

Leader: God is indeed our light and our salvation.

**People: We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.**

Leader: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

**People: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.**

**OPENING HYMN "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"**

**MORNING PRAYER** (In Unison) (Isaiah 9, Psalm 27, Matthew 4)

God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory. We have become so accustomed to the darkness, that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us. Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may be flooded with love and mercy and joy. Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort and peace and security, that

we may find rest in your loving, protective presence. Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 27:4-9

Nehemiah 8:9-12 Matthew 4:12-23

**Special Music By Laura Doty**  
**"The Joy of the Lord"**

**Junior Sermon**

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

**"Go Forth in Joy"**

**Pastor Laura Doty**

**DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS** (In Unison)

**"Doxology"**

**#625**

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayers of the People – Kelly Harris

Pastoral, The Lord's Prayer (Debts, Debtors)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"**