

May we be nourished in God's light, so that in a world of dimness we will be a light and blessing to all we meet. **Amen.**

Postlude

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*The Light of Christ: An
Epiphany Series*

Christ's Love and Light

January 16, 2022

Prelude

Threshold

**Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Proclaim the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.**

People of God, arise, shine, for your light has come!
The light of Christ has come into the world.
Immanuel. God with us.

We will arise and shine!

We will follow the light:

When it shines brightly in the sky;

When it glows dimly on the horizon.

We will follow the light:

When it leads down familiar paths
to expected destinations

When the road is unfamiliar

And the star rests above an unfamiliar home.

Life without Christ is as inferior to Christian living as water is to wine.

May the miracle of Christ's touch change our lives as we put our faith in him and follow the Light.

**Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Proclaim the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.**

Let us pray together:

**O God of steadfast love,
at the wedding in Cana
your Son Jesus turned water into wine,
delighting all who were there.
We are discouraged
in the face of injustice, war,
poverty, and indifference.
Transform our hearts by your Spirit.
Show us your glory,
that in you we may be moved
to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy.
Amen.**

**Hymn His Name is Wonderful UMH 174
 The Light in Word
 John 2:1-11 (NLT)**

This is the word of God for all creation.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon: Illumination of New Wine

Prayers and Praises

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 sins
as we forgive those who sin 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.*

Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH 454

Benediction

Let us go out now into the world, sharing the light and love of Jesus Christ.

**May the one who turned water into wine
turn our tedium into festival,
and show us how to alternate
between commitment and merriment.**