

*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: We've a Story to Tell UMH 569**

### **Benediction**

The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you.  
You are the salt of the earth and you bring light to the world.

**We are not too young or too old,  
we are not too rich or too needy  
to bring good news to the impoverished,  
to give a hand to the broken-hearted,  
and to live out freedom and grace  
through the gifts we have been given.**

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**



*The Light of Christ:  
An Epiphany Series  
Note A Threat,  
But An Invitation  
January 30, 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:**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.  
As the Body of Christ on earth,  
we are called to carry on Jesus' ministry.

**The Spirit of the Lord is *in* us.**

**God has anointed us to bring good news to the  
poor,  
To proclaim freedom for the prisoners**

**and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free.**

The Spirit is anointing us,

Sending us:

To bring good news

to bind up

to proclaim favor

to comfort

to provide

to loosen (set free).

**May the Spirit anoint our being and our doing,  
And touch all our days with grace,  
As we put our faith in Christ 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:

**Gracious Lord, we know that we live in an im-  
perfect world; a world which is filled with imper-  
fect people,**

**imperfect situations, and imperfect solutions.**

**The brokenness of creation is evident every-  
where.**

**Yet, we have such high expectations**

**of ourselves and others.**

**We easily become discouraged**

**when we stumble or when someone else lets us  
down.**

**We need your grace!**

**Enable us to see that you use imperfect people,  
imperfect situations, and imperfect solutions**

**to bring your reign into our midst.**

**Thank you, Lord! Amen.**

**Hymn**

**Spirit Song**

**UMH 347**

**The Light in Word**

**Luke 4:21-30 (NLT)**

This is the word of God for all creation.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Sermon: Hometown Kid**

**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.*