

Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide

January 23, 2022 @ 10 AM

3rd Sunday After the Epiphany

Gathering Music: Victory in Jesus

Welcome

A Song of Praise: Goodness of God

I love You, Lord

For Your mercy never fails me

All my days, I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

C: And all my life You have been faithful

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice

You have led me through the fire

In the darkest night

You are close like no other

I've known You as a Father

I've known You as a Friend

And I have lived in the goodness of God

Repeat Chorus

'Cause Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

With my life laid down

I'm surrendered now

I give You everything

'Cause Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

[Repeat)

Repeat Chorus

Call to Worship:

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be God's people.

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be the body of Christ.

*Come let us worship God, who binds us together in
love and service.*

Opening Prayer

A Time for Children

A Song of Centering: I Am Free

Through You the blind will see

Through You the mute will sing

Through You the dead will rise

Through You all hearts will praise

Through You the darkness flees

Through You my heart sings

I am free, I am free

C: And I am free to run

(I am free to run)

And I am free to dance

(I am free to dance)

And I am free to live for You

(I am free to live for You)

I am free (I am free)

I am free (I am free)

Through You the kingdom comes

Through You the battle's won

Through You I'm not afraid

Through You The price is paid

Through You there's victory

Because of You my soul sings

I am free, I am free

Repeat Chorus

Prayers of the People

A Time of Giving with Doxology

A Song of Reflection: Onward Christian Soldiers

Onward, Christian soldiers,

marching as to war,

with the cross of Jesus going on before.

Christ, the royal Master,

leads against the foe;

forward into battle

see his banners go!

**C: Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,**

**with the cross of Jesus
going on before.**

At the sign of triumph

Satan's host doth flee;

on then, Christian soldiers,

on to victory!

Hell's foundations quiver

at the shout of praise;
brothers, lift your voices,
loud your anthems raise.

Repeat Chorus

Like a mighty army
moves the church of God;
brothers, we are treading
where the saints have trod.

We are not divided, all one body we,
one in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

Repeat Chorus

Scripture: Luke 4:14-21 [NRSV]

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Message: Divine Ministry

A Song of Invitation: Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

C: Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

**I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?

Repeat Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Repeat Chorus

The Blessing with The Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you
make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude