

A SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER
Second Week after Epiphany
January 16, 1990

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the Light; be gathered to Christ! Christ dwells in our midst, as the Light not overcome in darkness, as the Shepherd gathering us home from every place of exile and distress. He is the gift of God who cherishes us with unspeakable love! Come to the Light; be gathered to Christ! Let us worship God, the Giver of Life. Amen.

*Hymn No. 374 "Standing on the Promises"

Opening Prayer

Leader: Gracious God, comfort of the comfortless and hope of the hopeless, visit those who have looked to us for comfort and hope and found none. Restore their faith in themselves by reassuring them of your faith in them. And make us the channels of your grace so that, when the victims of injustice look to us for support, they shall not look in vain. Amen.

First Reading from the Daily Office Hebrews 5:7-14

Psalter - Psalm 28 (with response) Hymnal page 760

Second Reading from the Daily Office John 3:16-21

Sermon

The Prayers of the People

*The Sharing of Christ's Peace

*Hymn No. 533 "We Shall Overcome"

*Benediction

Leader: God of the prophets, through whom you comfort the troubled and trouble the comfortable, let us feel the troubling presence of your prophets in our midst. Give us the vision to recognize them, the courage to hear them and the will to heed them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postlude

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