

## Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **PRELUDE:**

### **MEDITATION PRAYER:**

"I formed the light and I created darkness, and I make peace..." Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness, let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring forth together, because I the Lord have created it." (Excerpts from Isaiah 45:7-8)

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Meet & Greet:**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

P: We are called here today for one simple reason. We are called to worship God, and Him only will we serve.

**C: Make me a blessing Lord! Make me a blessing and allow your light to shine through me.**

P: In days of old there were no churches, but God's children joined in temple worship outside in honor, and to worship the one true God.

**C: In 2023, make me a blessing Lord! Make me a blessing and allow your light to shine through me.**

P: Be happy to serve God; and be thrilled to be called God's precious jewels.

**C: May the beauty of God shine in us, and may we be blessed coming in and and blessed going out.**

**ALL: Mighty are the works of our God. Mighty are His works of the universe, and mighty is His love for us. Amen.**

#### **OPENING HYMN: #246 (Red Hymnal)**

**"Come, Thou Almighty King"**

#### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Loving God, take a little look at my heart, take a little look at my yearnings, and tell me what you see? Take a little look at my wants and my desires. Take a little look at Your creation. Lean a little closer, and tell me what you see? While I make these statements and ask these

questions, I see You lovingly looking down at me with welting eyes. Your hands are clasped real tight, and Your whispering words in my ear I hear so well. You said: "My child, do not set your desires on the things of this earth; but instead set your eyes on the things that are above. Precious child, your eyes have not seen, and your heart may never understand the things I have in store for you. You are loved, and you are unique! I created you, so lift your head up high and take a bow. Then, go tell the whole world that in my eyes you are beautifully and wonderfully made! My heavenly peace surrounds you! So welcome to my loving arms." Amen.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:11**

#### **SERMON: 'Christians, What's in your Solo Cup?'**

**(by Minister Miriam Theodore)**

#### **HYMN: #459 (Black Hymnal) "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"**

#### **OFFERTORY INVITATION: James 5:7**

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and has long patience for it, until he receives the early and latter rain."

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

#### **A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER:**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER:**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

#### **MUSICAL RESPONSE:**

**CLOSING HYMN: #195 (Red hymnal, verses 1-3 only) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

#### **BENEDICTION:**

#### **POSTLUDE:**