

# SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

*Stepping into a New Year... invited into the Light*

*January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022*

Make ready for the Christ, Whose smile, like lightning,  
Sets free the song of everlasting glory  
That now sleeps, in your paper flesh, like dynamite.  
~ Thomas Merton, "The Victory"

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

**Centering music** *Awake, Awake* by Fran McKendree

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* **VT 65**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

**Scripture** John 1:1-5 from the Inclusive Bible

**Response video**

**Poem** *For the New Year, 1981* by Denise Levertov

**Hymn** *Between Darkness and Light* **VT 808**

**A Time for All God's Children**

**Hymn** *Longing for Light* **VT 715**

**Reading** *For The Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio*  
(excerpt) by W.H. Auden

**Musical Interlude**

**Poem** *The Work of Christmas* by Howard Thurman

**Special Music** *Glory (Let There Be Peace)* by Matt Maher

**Reading** *Listening to Your Life* by Frederick Buechner

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Offering** *East Jerusalem, West Jerusalem* David Broza

**Sharing our lives and our prayers**

**Praying in the Way of Jesus**

## THE WORD IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** *Light Dawns on a Weary World* **VT 205**

**Benediction**



Claire Mack

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