humility, meekness, and patience.
However, we often clothe ourselves with different attire: apathy, hatred, arrogance, and brashness.
Help us to bear one another and forgive each other even as we ask forgiveness from you.
Help us to don the clothing of love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony. This we pray in the name of your Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Siblings in Christ,
hear now the good news of the Gospel:
through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Alleluia! Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION **Luke 2: 41-52**

Holy Spirit, as did the people in the Temple that day long ago, may we gather to listen to the wisdom of the Christ-child through the reading of your holy word. **Amen.**

HYMN **"Bind Us Together"** **FWS # 2226**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Col. 3:14**

Let us pray to God, saying:
Gracious God, **bind us together in perfect harmony.**

As we gather in the waning hours of 2021,
hear us as we gather in your name
to pray for those concerns on our hearts this day.
Gracious God, **bind us together in perfect harmony.**

We pray for those who are traveling to visit their families during this Christmas break. We pray for those unable to come home. Keep safe those who travel on the roads and in the air. Be with and bless our first responders and health care professionals. Give the students and teachers among us the rest they need before they begin a new semester next week. Be with those who are journeying through the holidays for the first time without a loved one who was lost this past year.
Gracious God, **bind us together in perfect harmony.**

As we turn to a new year, we pray that our nation might learn from the violence and division we've experienced far too often in the year past. May 2022 be a year of kindness, compassion, and, above all, justice. We pray for our service men and women who are away from home and have met the call to protect our world.
Gracious God, **bind us together in perfect harmony.**

We pray for this congregation, help us to hear your voice as we look at our church lives and the missions we are called to serve this coming year here at OF/Bouckville. Help us as we begin a new year. Lead us onward with intelligence, imagination, enthusiasm, love.
Gracious God, **bind us together in perfect harmony.**

We pray for those on our hearts this day
whom we lift up to you in silence…
Gracious God, **bind us together in perfect harmony.**

Hear us now, Mighty Counselor,
as we pray the prayer you taught us to pray, saying:
Our Father…

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENTS OF WONDER

BLESSING OF THE STARS -GATHERING

OFFERING
DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING COLOSSIANS 3: 12-17

MESSAGE 'WORN OUT'

HYMN "Go Tell It on the Mountain"UMH 251

SENDING FORTH

Go now to follow the way of Jesus:
see others as he did;
dare to give freely as he did;
and to love unconditionally as he did.
Go, embraced by the Source of life, love and hope;
in the company of the Word of life;
encouraged by the Breath of life. ***Amen***

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January 2022 Theme New Beginnings

December 26, 2021
1st Sunday after Christmas
Litany for the last Sunday of the Year.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Praise the Christ-child, the newborn Prince of Peace!
We have been redeemed. We are no longer afraid.
Praise to the God who has come to us in the flesh!
We are being created. We are no longer afraid.
Praise to the Spirit who calls us together to serve!
We will be sustained. We are no longer afraid.
Come, let us worship God!

HYMN **"There's A Song in the Air" UMH 249**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
God of our Christmas joy,
break forth, O beauteous heavenly light
and illumine our way to the paths you would have us tread,
in the name of the Christ-child, Emmanuel, we pray. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION
As we reach the end of one year and prepare to greet a new one, let us confess the ways we have fallen short of God's commandments.

CONFESSION
Giver of Every Mercy, ***Col. 3:12-17***
you call us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness,