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January 5, 2025

~~ Epiphany Sunday ~~ Communion ~~

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it"

Psalm 118:24

We Celebrate the Good News

The Gathering of God's People

Time to speak with each other

Greeting

"The Lord be with you....

And also with you."



Please fill out and pass the Friendship Books.

Visitors, please fill in your address as well. Thank You!

Prelude

Miriam Thige, vocalist Gabriella Fryer, accompanist

The Call to Worship

Elder Leola Mason / Congregation

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

Stand up, a new day is dawning,

A new year is born,

Fresh and clean.

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

Emmanuel, God is with us

On every path we take,

No matter where we go.

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

And the stars still shine

Where Christ is present

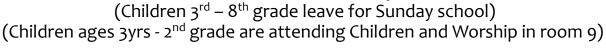
All: And voices sing in praise!

Gathering Hymn: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (vs1-3) #185

The Welcoming Prayer/God's Greeting

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School



The Call to Confession

Elder Leola Mason

Prayer of Confession

O God who sees all things, who knows our needs before we ask; we admit today that you also know our failures even before we admit them to ourselves. But we admit them now. Instead of loving others as we love ourselves, we have only loved ourselves. Instead of walking in the light as you are in the light, we have shunned the light and reveled in the darkness. Instead of sharing our bread with the hungry, we have spent our meager resources trying to fill hungers that should not be fed and cannot be filled.

O God of mercy, forgive us and heal us. Draw us away from our pursuits of self-indulgence and teach us the way of self-giving. Push us out of the dark and into the light. And set our feet on a path that leads to a life that means something more than the accumulation of goods.

Remind us with your own loving care that we are to love others as we love ourselves.

Words of Assurance / The Law

Elder Leola Mason

"Glory Be to the Father"

Anthem

"A Hallelujah Christmas"

originally by Leonard Cohen Miriam Thige - Soloist Gabriella Fryer- Accompanist



We Proclaim the Good News

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Ephesians 3: 7-12 Matthew 2: 1-12 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Message
"The Star Shines Down on Us"
Rev. Keith Tamlyn

Sermon Hymn: "As with Gladness Men of Old" #181

We Respond to the Good News

(Please print your prayer request on the blue card in the pew rack and deposit in offering plate.)

The Offering
The Doxology
The Offertory Prayer

O God, you crown us with distinction and honor. You lavish us with gifts in abundance. You spread your mercy before us as a host preparing a banquet. What we offer, you have already given us. What we do with our hands is a gift of the life you breathe into us. We give you but your own, a legacy of your love and concern. Amen.

→Please remain standing.

Epiphany Communion Service



*INVITATION

People of God, rise, shine, for the light of Christ has come. Gather around the Lord's table and let the glory of the Lord shine through your life. All who profess Jesus as their Lord and Savior are welcome to share the bread and the cup. Come, everything is prepared for you.

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

God of light and love, we come together in thanksgiving for your gift of grace. Before we knew the wonderful riches of your child Jesus, we walked in the shadows. But now you reveal your radiance to the world. Blessed are you Creator God, and blessed is your Son Jesus. While wise ones brought him gold, frankincense and myrrh, he grew to reveal to us the shining mystery that is you. He broke the bread, and you broke open your love for us. He blessed the cup and you poured out mercy for the world. God of the ages, because of all this and more, we consecrate ourselves to you and offer you our thanks. Amen. PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

O God who has revealed yourself in Jesus Christ to all people, we humbly bow before you, rejoicing in your great gift of love. We have too often missed the star and the direction of Scriptures as they pointed us to the Christ Child. Guide us to the stable, that we may worship Jesus in spirit and in truth. Because he was raised from the dead, we are new men and women. May we be coworkers with Christ in bringing your Good News to the world. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: "As We Gather Around the Table" #770

WORDS OF INSTITUTION The Breaking of the Bread The Blessing of the Cup

PRAYER RESPONSE

We come to your light, God of all history, seeking to experience your presence at work among us and within each one. With the power of your spirit, we reach for the riches of Christ. Amid our narrowness of vision we long for an outpouring of your all-inclusive love. From our advantaged position in your world we seek to develop greater compassion for the needy and oppressed. As we begin another year, move us from our complacency to be and do more fully as you intend. Amen.

Prayer Hymn: "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (2X) #140

Prayers of Thanksgiving (Pastor)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (4,5) #185
Benediction

Postlude

Communion Preparer -- Roger Eddy **Communion Servers** -- Jerry Carey, Roger Eddy, David Grammerstorf