

**January 3, 2021**

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: Sing praise to God, who gathers us here;

People: from the ends of the earth we come.

Pastor: With a word of promise, a spring of water, a loaf of bread, and a cup of wine.

People: God turns our mourning into dancing, our sorrow into joy.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord.

HYMN #465            O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

#PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

God of every blessing we rejoice that you have chosen us from long ago, adopted us as your beloved children, and gathered us into your presence. Now make known in our hearts and lives your eternal purpose for heaven and earth so that we may live, this day and always, for the glory of Christ our Lord. Gently nudge us to be more caring of those around us who may be lonely, food insecure or needing help with transportation and these are only a few of the ways we can help our neighbors. We pray that you will show us how to help and we ask that you be in our hearts as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us -

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:1-5  
Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON MESSAGE: New Beginnings

Rev. Curry

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Prayer Requests  
Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer

## BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

God, you give to us all we have. You give us grace. You give us care. Today, we pray that you do not just give but that you take; take our lives and shape them to be lives of grace and caring for one another. Take our lives and shape them to be your voice of love in this world. Take our lives and shape them to be the lives that you find well-pleasing. Amen.

HYMN #294 Break Now the Bread of Life

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God, who has pity on the weak and needy, we come before you admitting our brokenness. We confess that we have not been a source of light to those in desperate need of light and we confess that we have run from your light, preferring to hide in the dark places of our own need. Have mercy on us. Lift up your eyes and look around. Shine the light of your love on us all, that we may reflect your light in the places of our lives. Amen

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Invitation (Pastor)****Communion Prayer**

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Prayer (Pastor)**

**Words of Institution (Pastor)**

Jesus took bread and wine, the simplest of food, blessed it and held it, broke it and shared it with people like us. Come, eat and drink and belong to God's new community

**Sharing the Bread and Cup****Thanksgiving Prayer (unison)**

We give thanks to you O God, for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us through this holy mystery that your love for us knows no bounds. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do. Lead us, guide us, that we may love and serve you as faithful disciples as we love and serve your people as faithful servants. To you be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION (Responsive):

Pastor: Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

People: We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.

Pastor: Go now and follow the star that will guide you on your journey this week, this year, and forever.

People: As the Magi of old, we go forth in trust and excitement, transformed in the presence of the child of light.

Pastor: May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light. Amen.

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