

EPIPHANY- FIRST SUNDAY

01/10/2021

10:00 am

A special word of welcome to those visiting our church today. Please stand for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (*). Any who prefer may “rise up” in spirit only, if physically standing presents difficulties.

**GATHERING
CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

PAISE TEAM

Welcome and Announcements: Pastor

(The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship).

***CALL TO WORSHIP: The Timeless Voice” ...Leader and Congregation**

L: In the beginning is the voice,

C: the “The Voice” of God thunders over the waters!

L: The Voice of God sounds over the deep, saying....

UNISON: “Come to the Jordan, wade into the stream, for the Lord grants strength to those who are weary, blesses the people with hope, health, peace, and joy. We shall forever worship Him; declare His goodness and salvation throughout all generations. Amen!

***UM Hymn#252- Jesus Came To Jordan (May be sang to the tone of “Amazing Grace”)**

OPENING PRAYER: pastor

Merciful and Eternal God, we hear from scripture that your word is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Your voice can split the heavens, part the seas, and separate the night from day. It can flash forth fire, shake the wilderness, and thunders over every storm. Yet, your voice so often is heard not in the tempest, but in the silence. Merciful God, speak to us, and help us listen not only with our ears, but also with our hearts and minds that we might detect and hear your voice in the

whispers of the wings. Help us listen, that we might glimpse the dove and hear “The Voice” declaring Jesus: “You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased!” Gracious God, continue to speak to us today, for your word has the final sayings on all of life and in all human circumstances. Amen! (*Hebrew.4:12*)

(TAKE YOUR OFFERING/TITHES TO NEAREST PLATES)

GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Blessed Holy Spirit”

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-11 (ESV)

WITNESSING TO THE WORD

THEME: “THE GOOD NEWS” – a new dawn!

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER - Pastor
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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***UM Hymnal/FWS # 2150 Lord, Be Glorified**

***SENDING FORTH IN GOD’S LOVE AND CARE: Pastor**

***POSTLUDE:**

Organist

**Thank you for being a part of today's worship experience.
Rest assured God loves you, and so do we!**

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