



January 6, 2019

Order of Worship Epiphany Sunday

“An epiphany enables you to sense creation not as something completed, but as constantly becoming, evolving, ascending. This transports you from a place where there is nothing new to a place where there is nothing old, where everything renews itself, where heaven and earth rejoice as at the moment of creation.” (Abraham Isaac Kook)

Please silence your cell phone.

THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

“Coventry Carol”

Hatton

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 249** “There’s a Song in the Air”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, based on Isaiah 60:1-3

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: The glory of God has risen upon us!

Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples,

People: But God will rise upon us, and God’s glory will appear over us.

Leader: The light of God is with us;

People: All the nations’ leaders will be drawn to the light of God.

Leader: God’s light now dwells with us;

People: Come, worship God, and shine God’s light to the world!

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 585**

**This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

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THE TIME OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The Ritual of Friendship folder is located at the center aisle; please sign and pass.

THE ANTHEM

“The Morning Star Doth Shine”
Chancel Choir

T. Charles Lee

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THE CALL TO PRAYER

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

God of Light and Love, we confess that we hide our light, we hold close our love. We fear our light isn't strong enough, and we are afraid of having our hearts broken. We forget that the light is from you, it is not ours alone. We forget that the love you have given us is for all, and that your love heals us when the world breaks us. Call us to shine the light you have given us, to share the love you have loved us with, for you are the Light of the World; you are the Love that never fails. In the name of Christ, our Light and Love, we pray. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE WORDS OF GRACE

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“One Gift the Magi Bore”

Roy Hopp

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***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 254 “We Three Kings”**

THE SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible pg. 676

This is God's living Word for God's living people. ~ **“Thanks be to God!”**

THE SERMON

“Tripping the Light Fantastic”

(Mary Poppins Returns)

Rev. Elbert Dulworth

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING NO. 17 (Musical Setting A)

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 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.

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The elements will be served by intinction. At the direction of the ushers, come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. All bread is gluten-free.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Fed by your love and strengthened through your presence with us, we pray that we may go forth into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to be your Church. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 245** “The First Noel”

***THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**

Please remain quietly in your pew during the recession of the clergy.

***THE POSTLUDE**

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Willcocks

*Congregation Standing

***Seating of Worshipers

We Welcome All Visitors and are glad you have chosen to worship with us. A special gift is available at the Welcome Center for those visiting with us for the first time. We invite you to participate in the life and ministries of this church. Please come again!

If you have difficulty seeing the worship bulletin or hymns, large-print orders of worship and hymnals are available. **Our Sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing system.** Hearing assistance devices are also available for use during worship. **Shawls** are available for worshippers who are chilly in the Sanctuary. **Quiet Time Activities** are available for children who worship with their parents. Please ask an usher for assistance.



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