

United Methodist Church

PO Box 467 – 114 W. Chickasaw

Lindsay, Oklahoma

“A Community Church with A Global Vision”



Fresh Eyes

Mark 8:22-25

January 3, 2021

Epiphany Sunday

Worship 10:55am

Broadcast Live on 105.1 FM KBLP

A Service of the Word & Table

Epiphany Sunday

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We are blessed you chose to worship with us today.

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

PRELUDE

Alexia Herrin

GREETING

Steve Pracht

On this Epiphany Sunday, the first Sunday of 2021, we greet you with hope in the name of our Risen Christ! Let us worship the Lord!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Pracht

***INTROIT**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

FWS 2173

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. **[Refrain]**
2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. **[Refrain]**

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. **[Refrain]**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Niki Richardson

Leader: God calls us by our names and abides with us, and in us, always.
When we pass through difficulties and stress,

People: God calls us by our names; God joins us in our suffering.

Leader: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

People: God calls us by our names; God leads us from darkness into light.

All Voices Together: Blessed be God who call us by our names. AMEN.

***HYMN**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth though sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
[Refrain]
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy childrn thus to share.
[Refrain]

WE ARE SET APART IN TRUTH

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *This is Where Children Belong*

FWS 2233

*This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.*

MESSAGE

A Light-Bulb Moment

Lacie Wilkins

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:22-25^{NIV}

Niki Richardson

²² They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. ²³ He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

²⁴ He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

²⁵ Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

May God add a blessing to the hearing and understanding of this Holy Word. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM

O Holy Night
piano solo

Matthew Dutton

THE MESSAGE

Fresh Eyes

Rev. Dr. Mark Whitley

WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSIVE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

MEDITATION

As we have worshiped with our prayers, presence, service, witness, and gifts, let us now prepare ourselves to share in the living bread and the cup of life that is Christ Jesus, our Lord.

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who seek or love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

In his baptism and in table fellowship he took his place with sinners. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the

poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us He took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed

by his blood, for we have been baptized, not just with water, but with water and the Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**All: 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.**

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, *in unison

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us forth confessing Jesus Christ as Lord of all. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH 334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

SENT FORTH TO HOLY LIVING

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

Rev. Dr. Mark Whitley

We serve a sending God, and now we send you forth into your week to be a presence of the Living Hope. We send you forth to lead with grace, walk with spiritual integrity, and serve with humility that God's will be done, on earth...as it is in heaven. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

***SENDING FORTH**

Spirit Song

UMH 347

1. O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your hands and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain:

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness;
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

[Refrain]

POSTLUDE

Alexia Herrin

Please remain seated during the Postlude.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AS YOU DEPART

Keep Them in Your Prayers

Our Church; Our Community,
Our Troops, Our Government
Family of Bill Branch;
Family of Sarah Burkes;
Family of Tommy Ferguson;
Family of Sharon Fisher, nephew Tony passed away.
Family of Dr. Bill Pool

Shut ins: Wilma Johnson, Pat Wall

Health Challenges: Carolyn Branch, Clayton Davis,
Allie Ferguson, Tommy Ferguson's Mother, Rachel
Franklin, Tom Herrin, Jacob Loman, Frankie Minton,
Julia Murray, Sandra Pratt, Nancy Rogers, Lynn
Scruggs, Katilyn Spencer, Barbara Thomas, Rick
Webb

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5th Jeff Murray; Chesica Vanoni
7th Jennifer Postlethwaite
8th Miya Resseguie
9th Blaine Break
12th Hudsyn Harris
13th Jamie Allison
14th Baxter Boydston; Janell Walden
17th Nathan Urban

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

31st Glen & Pam Urban

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 3rd

Holy Communion
Worship 10:55am
KBLP, Facebook, & lindsayumc.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, January 10th

Worship 10:55am
KBLP, Facebook, & lindsayumc.com

Sunday, January 17th

Worship 10:55am
KBLP, Facebook, & lindsayumc.com

Thursday, January 21st

Bloodmobile 11am-6pm

Sunday, January 24th

Worship 10:55am
KBLP, Facebook, & lindsayumc.com

Sunday, January 31st

Worship 10:55am
KBLP, Facebook, & lindsayumc.com

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