



Epiphany Sunday
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Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Mamie Broadhurst

INTROIT

When In Our Music God Is Glorified
Arr. Harriet Ziegenhals, Hope Publishing Company 1972

*When in our music God is glorified
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Arise, for the light has come!

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The Word became flesh and lives among us.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The mystery of the ages is revealed; the eternal plan of God is shown.

Jesus Christ is the light of the word.

Let us come before Emmanuel to offer glory, honor, and praise.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN No. 152

What Star is This, with Beams So Bright

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsive)*

God of glory,

**You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world
to reveal your love for all people.**

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;

We disregard the Word made flesh; we do not strive for peace.

For the opportunities we have missed to show your love,

And the mistakes we have made, forgive us.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**God in whom we trust, cleanse us of our sin,
and pour out the gifts of your Spirit.**

**Enlighten us with your Word,
so we may follow you more faithfully.**

**Be our guiding star and help us show your glory
in the name of the one we call Emmanuel, God with us.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *(responsive)*

Children of God, the light of the Lord shines in all corners of the earth
and there is no power that can overcome it. Through Jesus Christ, we
are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn 155

Sung through one time

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Psalm 130: 5-8
John 1:1-18

SERMON

Erin Tolar

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 850

In a Deep Unbounded Darkness

OFFERING of GIFTS

*Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and
consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources.*

*If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time,
on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

INVITATION

ANTHEM

Behold the guiding star

Robert Wetzler, A.M.S.I. 1993

*As with gladness men of old did the guiding Star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So must gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.*

*As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.*

*As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to thee, our heavenly King.*

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)
**In response to your call, O God,
we bring what we have.
In response to your leading, O God,
we go where you take us.
In response to your love, O God,
we live to follow you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup,
regardless of age or understanding. (PC-USA Book of Order W-3.0409)*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...let us join our voices together praying the prayer your son
taught us saying:

**Our Mother and Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*All worshipers are invited to come forward (lectern/left side) or
backward (pulpit/right side) by the center aisle, take the bread and dip
it into the cup, and return to their pew by the side aisles.*

*For those who prefer, communion will be served directly to your seat.
The elements consist of grape juice and gluten-free bread.*

STAR WORDS

COMMUNION PRAYER

*HYMN No. 136

Go Tell it on the Mountain

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...
everywhere!

POSTLUDE

*Many thanks to Kristin Savicki and Tom Shelton
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who filled in as our organist today.*



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