

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
EPIPHANY SUNDAY
January 5, 2020
11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "The Old Year Passes Away" Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Light the candle, hitch up the star.

ALL: Welcome the foreigner. Embrace the stranger.

One: Move from a whisper to a shout.

ALL: Spread the Good News around.

One: From mountain top to snowy field to chilly bay.

ALL: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "This is a Day of New Beginnings" No. 383

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (sung processional)

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

A NEW YEAR PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

One: God of Time and Space,

You are not bound by calendars, day timers, smart phones and watches,
teach us to not be bound by them either.

God of the stars, the heavens, the planets and their orbits,
you sent a star to guide the Magi on their journey to the Christ Child,
Send your star to guide us on journeys of faith.

God of Creation, your word spoke creation into being,
you sent your son as the light into a world of darkness,
God may your word still speak to us today,
May your son still be the light in our worlds of darkness.

**ALL: God, our dark world is a hotbed of fighting, pollution,
starvation, and homelessness.**

Teach us to once again be stewards of your earth.

Show us how to bring forth your peace

in the midst of this world's battles.

Spur us to imagine another world, in this word, so that -

There may be plenty for those who are starving.

There may be homes for those without homes.

One: And just as the Magi brought gifts of time and treasure to the Christ Child
may our very lives be a gift that honors the Christ.
For we focus our prayer in the way he showed us
how to come near to you, saying -

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**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.**

PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Gesu Bambino"

arr. Stephen DeCesare

Sue Cobb and Susan Steele, vocalists

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1: 26-31; Gospel of John 10:10 (OT p. 1; NT p. 103)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

The Well-Being We are Meant For— Sermon Series:

MESSAGE

"A Very Good Gospel"

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which
you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward
so the elements can be brought to you. **During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the
plates available on the chancel.** Today our Stephen Ministers will be positioned in the back of the sanctuary to
offer prayer with those so desiring, and to mark your hand with anointing balm if you would like.*

Words of Preparation

The Breaking of the Bread, the Taking of the Cup

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Sue Cobb and Susan Steele, vocalists

*DOXOLOGY FOR EPIPHANY SUNDAY (tune: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel")

Praise God from whom all Blessings flow,

Praise God all Creatures here below,

Praise God above ye Heavenly Host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel,

Has come to thee, O Israel.

