

Service of Worship

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019 10:15 AM

*Please rise as able

-- Ready for the Word --

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude arranged by Cherwien

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Choral Beginning by Bible

“Bathe Me in Your Light”

*Bathe me in Your light, Lord Jesus, bathe me in your light.
You are here in strength and beauty; bathe me in Your light.
Holy, holy, holy, Friend and Savior from above,
Bathe me in Your light, Lord Jesus, bathe me in Your light.*

The Light of God Enters

*Call to Worship

Leader: Arise! Shine! Your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

People: The glory of Christ shines in our world so that God’s love may be known by all.

Leader: Let us open our eyes!

People: Let us open our hearts and our minds!

Leader: Let us lift up our voices in praise to God!

*Hymn Hymnal No. 744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We remember the Magi, who set out with singular focus on the promise of the heavens.

People: And we remember the ways that we have lost sight of you, O God, as the bright guide for our lives.

Leader: We remember that they stayed determined on their journey, not even swayed by Herod’s power and promises.

People: And we remember that often we have started out well, but strayed from your path, detoured by our fleeting fears and desires.

Leader: We remember the wise ones who adored the child: wisdom and wealth falling to their knees before a poor child.

People: And we remember that too often we have given our adoration to wealth or knowledge, not seeing the Christ in our midst. Forgive us, O God...

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: To each of us who knows that we have lost sight of the promise, or strayed from God’s path, or lost hope in each new day, remember God’s abiding presence, and forgiveness, and new hope in Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Response by Bliss

“The Light of the World Is Jesus”

No darkness have we who in Jesus abide;

The Light of the world is Jesus!

We walk in the light when we follow our Guide!

The Light of the world is Jesus!

*Passing of the Peace

-- Receiving the Word --

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn No. 152

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 690) Isaiah 60:1-6

New Testament Lesson (page 2) Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection “Follow the Light”

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Hymnal Pg. 35

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Offertory arranged by Halberg

“What Wondrous Love Is This” with “The Love of God”

*Doxology Hymnal No. 606

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Breaking of Bread Communion of the People
(Please hold the bread and then the cup so that we may partake together.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, we give you thanks for we have seen your star in the night and have tasted the bread and wine of your great love. We are filled with hope for angels still sing in our hearts and the light of the world still beckons us to follow. Send us forth strengthened to bear witness to your light and your love in all we do. Amen.

*Closing Hymn Insert

“I Am the Light of the World”

vs.1: Choir vs. 2, 3, 4: All

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction by Bible

“Bathe Me in Your Light”

*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

*Postlude by Cherwien

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

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Participants in today’s service: Michaelyn Notz (worship leader), Rob Cooney (children’s sermon), Sydney and Charlotte Hackenberg (Junior Deacons), Eric Deeter & Vivian Wertz (January Deacons), David Betz, Beth Christian, Mona Cotner, Natalie Kupas, and Francis Moyer (Communion Elders), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (reflection). Next week’s reflection by Rev. Sally Dries: *“Affirmed in Love”*.



Dawn: a New Day, a New Beginning

On the way to Hills Creek Lake, Tioga County, PA
by Linda Stager, Photographer, who seeks every day to see
what the Lord has to show her.

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