

Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Serenade to the Holy Family* Berlioz

The Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat. He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. Praise the Lord. Let us worship the Lord together.

The Hymn of Praise *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* 423
(verses 1&4)

The Prayer of Confession

O Holy One, forgive us when we fail to live in the good news of your Christmas story: when we hear the choir sing, "Rejoice!" but we do not join their chorus; when we know the angels say, "Do not fear," yet fear is all we can muster; when we see a star rising in the east, but we turn away from its light. Forgive us, O Lord, of the sins of our lives and the sins of the systems we fail to disrupt. Convict us with the cry of a child from a manger, and free us to try again. Now hear us Lord, as we bring individual intentions before you in the silence of our hearts (Silent Confession).
Lord, renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen!

The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the promise of the Lord: "See, your salvation has come!" You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out, not forsaken. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

The Gloria Patri 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Special Music *Breath of Heaven* Eaton & Grant

The Word of God

The Time with the Children Peggy Knutson

The Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 31:7-14*

The Gospel Reading *John 1:1-18*

The Sermon *Moving into the Neighborhood* Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*

The Hymn *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* 68
(verses 1&2)

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory

The Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Words of Institution

The Elements

(We now eat together symbolizing our unity in Christ. We drink from the cup symbolizing our individual relationship with Christ.)

Prayer After Communion

God of shepherds and sheep, we give you thanks that you have gathered us here, revealed to us your glory, and fed us with your mercy. Now send us out with good news for all, for us a child is born, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Hymn *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken* 502
The Charge and Benediction
The Postlude *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach

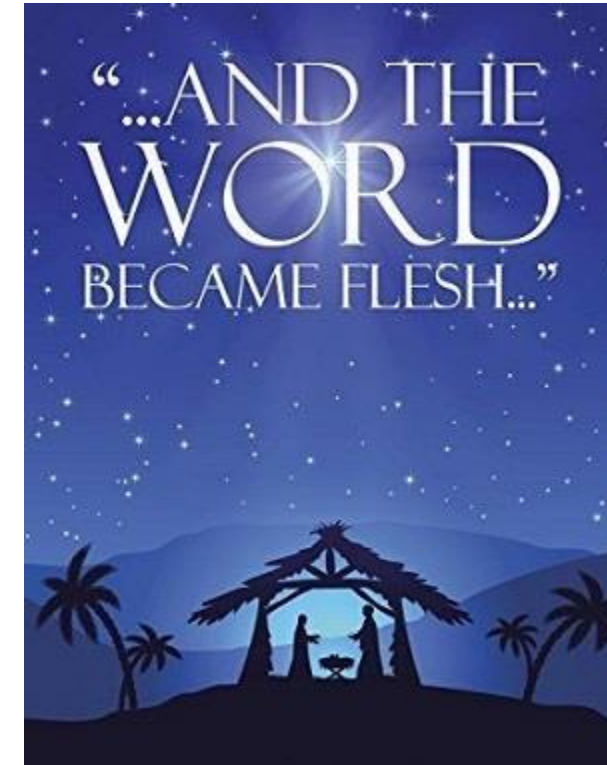
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423. Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blessed.



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68. What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

1 What star is this, with beams so bright,
More lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn King,
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

2 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
"From Jacob shall a star proceed";
And lo! the Eastern sages stand
To read in heaven the Lord's command

502. Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken,
And in Whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.