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Bulletin

January 8, 2017

Epiphany

8:45 am

Thought for the day

“No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit.” –Helen Keller

***Gathering Songs**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” UMH 251

“See Him Lying in a Bed of Straw” W&S 3061

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Rev. Frank Hallock

***Call to Worship**

Arise; shine, for your light has come!

We are called out of our darkness into light.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

We rejoice in the gift of light.

Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.

***Song of Joy**

“We Three Kings” UMH 254

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6 in the Old Testament

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Praise be to God.

Time with Children

Following this, the children are escorted to a time of activity and learning. Please pick them up in their classrooms following the service.

***Song Before Prayer**

“Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy”

UMH 235



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Community Prayer

Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide, injustice and oppression. The maelstrom of things and issues and people of the dark, can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star. Let the light break into our lives and our world, and transform us into people of the light.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The 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 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.

Special Music

"What a Wonderful World" (Thiele/Weiss)
Praise Band

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12 in the New Testament

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: **Praise be to God.**

Message

"Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"
Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Offering our Gifts

Song of Blessing (Doxology)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Accept these gifts of money and time, indeed, the gift of our very selves. Let them shine for all to see, and be brought into the sphere of your love and righteousness. Amen.

Song of Sending

"Come Live in the Light" FWS 2172

Benediction

At this time, you may join hands for the Benediction.

**Please stand if you are able.*



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This Sunday...

*Liturgist: Colleen Guffey; Acolyte(s): Christian and Sarah; Video Tech: Jake Henselmeier and Sound Tech: Lynda Mounts. *Unless otherwise noted, scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Next Sunday...

Video Tech: Billy Stempson
Sound Tech: Dan Gubaton
Liturgist: Madelyn Knight
Acolyte(s): Lorelei and Leo

Flowers are given by:

Janet Hughes in loving memory of her husband Arthur (Jim).