

# JANUARY 3, 2016

## *Happy Epiphany!*

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PRELUDE

Carol Buller, Accompanist

WELCOME

John Mueller, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God calls us, even in the midst of sin and strife.

**C: Let us pause and listen to God's call.**

L: God calls us, even in the midst of fears and fumbblings.

**C: Let us pause to feel God's love and peace.**

L: God is here among us.

**All: Let us pause to rejoice and be glad in God's presence.**

GATHERING HYMN #16

*God is here among us*

\*PRAYER

L: Holy, loving Source of all creation,  
maker of this day and all that is a part of it,  
holy Lover of life and growth,  
we celebrate the light and life that you keep making.

**C: Wonderful Mystery of love,  
fill us with a knowledge of the holy  
that draws us into new beginnings,  
for we would be your living people,  
gathered in the name of Jesus of Nazareth,  
who is our guide and our redeemer, Amen.\*\***

\*HYMN #214

*Morning Star, O cheering sight!*

Nick Schroeder, solo

CHILDREN'S TIME

Gregory Schwarz and friends

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6

SERMON

Ruth Harder

HYMN #104 st. 1 solo; st. 2-4, congregation

*Of the Father's love begotten*

COMMUNION SERVICE

- Words of Institution and Invitation
- Sharing Bread and Cup

*Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.*

- \*Hymn of Response #216 st. 1

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

INTRODUCTIONS

*We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

SHARING JOY

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.*

OFFERING

Offertory:

*Roll Call*

Front Range

Jesse Graber, fiddle; Steve Goeke, guitar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SENDING FORTH

L: Holy Giver of light and hope, this turning of the year will bring us joy, pain, and grief. For some it will bring death and illness, the fear of chronic pain and disability, and never-ending work challenges.

C: **Holy Giver of healing and hope, help us find a way to help each other. Strengthen us by the Holy Spirit that challenges, frees, and comforts the faithful in every age. AMEN. \*\***

\*HYMN STS #32

*Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem*

st. 1 ensemble; st. 2-3 congregation

\*POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated “STS” are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

\*\*Adapted from *Calling on God: inclusive Christmas prayers of three years of Sundays* by Bankson and Sokolove.

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