

HAPPY EPIPHANY!

JANUARY 8, 2017

*No importa de dónde eres,
estamos contentos que seas
nuestro vecino.*

No matter where you are
from, we're glad you're
our neighbor.

لا يهم أين ولدتكم، و لكننا
سعداء انكم جيراننا.

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell

WELCOME AND PRAYER**

Lonnie Buerge, Worship Leader

One: Lord God, Holy One among us, enter the shadows of our hearts.
For those who have traveled through the storms of life,
For those who are still on the road,

All: *Lord of Light, enter our darkness.*

One: For those bearing gifts in your name,
for those who feel they have no gift to bring,

All: *Lord of Light, enter our darkness.*

One: For those who are carrying their loved ones,
for those who need to be loved and carried,

All: *Lord of Light, enter our darkness.*

One: For those who are our leaders, for those who are afraid to lead,

All: *Lord of Light, enter our darkness.*

One: For those who are strangers in a new place,
for those who are strangers in a place called home.

All: *Lord of Light, enter our darkness.*

*HYMN SS#1

Praise the One who breaks the darkness

STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mike Peters

SCRIPTURE WITH INTRODUCTION

Matthew 2:1-23

SUNG RESPONSE

*The morning after Jesus' birth****
Caitlin Linscheid, soloist

The morning after Jesus' birth no angels hovered near the earth;
the shepherds left to tend their sheep and Bethlehem awoke from sleep.
The world was changed when Jesus came, and yet, too much remains the same
as evil seems to keep its hold, despite what prophet songs foretold.

We sing the angels' song of peace and wait for rage and war to cease.
And wait, with faith the world finds odd, to greet the promised reign of God.
That reign is here, but upside-down, for Jesus claimed no earthly crown
and shunned the use of hate and might to turn the world from wrong to right.

At times that reign is hard to see, and not where we would have it be.
It grows among the poor and weak in places most refuse to seek.
As seeds take root in barren ground so can the reign of God be found,
for Love has come and blossoms still when we have faith and do God's will.

SERMON

By another road

*HYMN #363

Renew your church

COMMUNITY BUILDING

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

*SENDING FORTH

One: May love and understanding be in our hearts and in our world.
May peace found in friendship offer shelter from life's storms.
May we be released from our deep fears and our fruitless guilt.
May we have the courage to speak truth against violence and oppression.

**All: *Guiding Spirit, bless our journey with these good companions,
that we may continue longing for peace,
to make justice blossom on earth. AMEN.***

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

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

Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

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