

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 6, 2019

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

Seeking Wisdom's Path

For the months of January and February, our worship focus will center around "Seeking Wisdom's Path." There are scriptural resources to help guide this study, in particular the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Job, which are known as the Wisdom books. There are also many references to wisdom in the New Testament. While Pastor Ruth is on sabbatical we will hear from a variety of voices, both Rainbow members and guests, who have been asked to consider this theme.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jan Good-Bollinger, worship leader

*HYMN #1 SS

Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Candlelighters** : Joel Bollinger and Mitch Kaufman

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Rosi Penner Kaufman

ANTHEM

We Three Kings

arr. Cleobury

Christina Hofer and Kenton Kaufman, soloists

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 71:1-7, 10-14

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

A Sermon about Divine Wisdom

Joshua Smith

HYMN (see next page)

Jesus entered Egypt

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KING'S WESTON 6.5.6.5D

Em D Em Am Em

1 Je - sus en - tered E - gypt flee - ing Her - od's hand,
2 Je - sus was a mi - grant liv - ing as a guest
3 Je - sus cross - es bor - ders with the wand - 'ring poor,

G Bm/D Em Am

liv - ing as an al - ien in a for - eign land.
with the friends and stran - gers who could of - fer rest.
search - ing for a ref - uge, for an o - pen door.

D Bm Em D/F# A D

Far from home and coun - try with his fam - i - ly,
Do we hold wealth light - ly so that we can share
Do our words and ac - tions an - swer Je - sus' plea,

Em Bm G/B D Em

was there room and wel - come for this ref - u - gee?
shel - ter with the home - less, and a - bun - dant care?
"Give the low - ly wel - come, and you wel - come me"?

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Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (England), *Enlarged Songs of Praise*, 1931, © 1931 Oxford University Press, London; arr. for Hymnbook, 1955

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

FAREWELL TO EBA LEMESSA

Ben Parker Sutter

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

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks 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 table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.



Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 120), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*SENDING FORTH

L: When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

C: The work of Christmas begins:

**To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To bring peace among people.*****

*HYMN #30 SS

Arise, your light is come!

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

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

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

**The light sculpture at the front of the sanctuary was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We have cherished the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent.

***Howard Thurman, *When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled*, 1985, © 2011, Friends United Press.

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