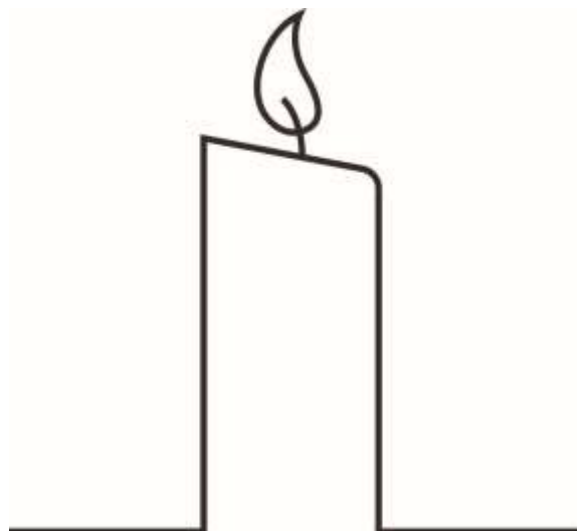


EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 7, 2018



Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER**

Renee Reimer, worship leader

*HYMN #216

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN #218

As with gladness men of old

SERMON

By another road

*HYMN

*Come! Walk in the light****

Please join in refrain as directed

Refrain

Come! Walk in the light. Come! walk in the light of day.

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- 1 In the days ahead, the nations will stream to the house of the Holy One.
Many peoples will turn to God. They will learn God's ways and walk in God's light.
- 2 And God will judge every nation and tribe. They will beat their swords into plows,
and their spears into pruning hooks. Never shall they practice war anymore.
- 3 The wolf and the lamb will live together. The cattle will graze with the bear;
their young will lie down together. On God's holy mountain will there be peace.
- 4 Let the mountains be laden with God's peace, and the hills be filled with justice.
Like showers that water the earth, let God's light rain on the valleys and fields.
- 5 O God, Lord of Hosts, how long? How long, O Lord, will you be angry with our prayers,
will you feed us the bread of our tears? Restore us. Let us walk again in your light.
- 6 Lift your eyes. Arise. Shine. Your light has come. Now you will see and be radiant.
The brightness of the dawn is here. God makes the way clear. Come, walk in the light.

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

INTRODUCING NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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 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: *Allemande*

Bach

Jonathan Wiebe, cello

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement please write it down and give it to the worship leader or pastor prior to the worship service. The worship leader or pastor will share all of the announcements at once as opposed to passing the microphone. Note that children and youth are exempt from this request.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN #71

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

*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.

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

**Adapted from a prayer written by Joanna Harader, Pastor of Peace Mennonite in Lawrence, KS

***Sing the Story #10

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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