



**EPIPHANY**  
**January 5, 2020**

**Worship 9:30am**

**Sunday School 10:50am**

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Nancy Bosché, organist

WELCOME

Jeff Shelly, worship leader

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP BASED ON PSALM 72: 1-7, 10-14**

O God our Guide and Helper, we come to worship you.

**You stay beside us as we journey through life.**

O God our Just and Holy One, we come to thank you.

**You lead us in your path of justice and peace.**

O God, our Trustworthy Leader, we come to praise you.

**We rely on your promises.**

O God, we gather to worship, praise, and thank you. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN #216**

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

**WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Natasha VanDyke

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

## HYMN #218

*As with gladness men of old*

- st. 1 all in unison
- st. 2 all in harmony
- st. 3 tenor and bass only, singing melody
- st. 4 soprano and alto only, singing melody
- st. 5 all in unison

## SERMON

*What if? Why not?*

\*HYMN (see back page)

*Longing for light\*\**

## WE RESPOND AND SHARE

### 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 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 (Rainbow Room), 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

\*HYMN #30 SS

*Arise, your light is come!*

**\*EPIPHANY BLESSING\*\*\***

*Please remain standing for the postlude.*

May the path  
that Christ walks  
to bring justice  
upon the earth,  
to bring light  
to those who sit  
in darkness,  
to bring out those  
who live in bondage,  
to bring new things  
to all creation:

may this path  
run through our life.  
May we be  
the road Christ takes.

**\*POSTLUDE**

\* You may stand.

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.

\*\**Longing for light* is found in the *Sing the Journey* songbook. Text and music by Vernadette Farrell.

\*\*\*Jan Richardson

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Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for  
 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for  
 Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long-ing for  
 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

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truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —  
 hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —  
 warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

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your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. —  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. —  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed. —  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone. —  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. —

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Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.  
 Shine in our hearts. Shine in our dark - ness.

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Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. —

1, 2, 3, 4. 5.