



Reach One More For Jesus!

Epiphany of our Lord

January 3, 2021

PRELUDE "Spirit of the Living God" Daniel Iverson Thelma Downey

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Light shines in the darkness. A star guides our way to the Christ-child. Hope is born again.

WELCOME Denise Cosgrove

CALL TO WORSHIP

Denise Cosgrove

L: Arise; shine, for your Light has come!

P: We are called out of our darkness into Light.

L: Lift up your eyes and look around.

P: We rejoice in the gift of Light.

L: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

P: We come to kneel at the cradle of the Babe, the Light incarnate.

OPENING HYMN "We Three Kings" vs. 1 & 5 Hymnal Page #254

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

5. Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

OPENING PRAYER Denise Cosgrove

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see Your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive Your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the Babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the One Who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to You, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives. Amen.

READINGS Denise Cosgrove

Matthew 2:1-11 NIV

The Magi Visit the Messiah

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "SEARCHING FOR A SAVIOR"

Pastor Tom

1. Seeking The Truth.
2. Experiencing The Joy.
3. Recognizing The Gift.

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Hymnal #618

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Tom

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

Pastor Tom

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Denise Cosgrove

God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further Your work in a dark world. May they bring Your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Accept these gifts and time, indeed, the gift of our very selves. Let them shine for all to see, and be brought into the sphere of Your love and righteousness. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Hymnal Page #251

1. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.

3. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

The Bread of Life for All Is Broken" Su Yin-Lan

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