

Mentor United Methodist Church

January 6, 2019

Epiphany of Our Lord

The liturgical color is white, signifying the purity, holiness and virtue of Christ, as well as respect and reverence.

GATHERING

Prelude "Sonata in D Major" Domenico Scarlatti
Amy Bender, organist

Lighting of the Candles Presentation of God's Holy Word

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew.

If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Beverly Wrobel

* Call to Worship

Leader: God delivers those who are needy, those who are poor, and those who cry for help.

People: God saves the lives of those who have no helper.

Leader: In worship, we remember God's deliverance in our times of need.

People: Help us share this deliverance with those who are displaced, those who are outcast, and those who are hurting.

* Prayer (unison)

God of All People, we have little trouble remembering that your grace and protection rest on us and on people like us. We have a harder time remembering your promise of grace and protection to those who are displaced, those who are outcast, and those who are separated from their families.

Even when our love and grace fall short, we are grateful that your faithfulness extends to all people, especially those who are hurting and alone. Even so, we recognize today that we are called to be your Presence to these same individuals. This morning, we reaffirm our commitment to welcoming those who are displaced, including those who are outcast, and partnering with those who have been separated from their loved ones. Grant us your grace, wisdom and strength in Jesus' name. Amen.

* **Opening Hymn 117** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Litany for Global Migration Sunday:

Leader: Once we were called out of our homelands.

People: We sought shelter and safety in new places.

Leader: We looked for work and to fulfill God's purposes.

People: We built homes, made friends and created families.

Leader: We created new lives.

People: We made a way where there was no way.

Leader: In new lands, we learned new ways to know God.

People: The revelation of Your love brought forth new light.

Leader: The presence of God migrated with us.

People: We were not left alone.

Leader: Even when we were not accepted or were brought against our will,

People: God did not abandon us.

Leader: As Mary, Joseph and Jesus sought asylum in Egypt,

People: May we seek safety in God's love and God's community.

Leader: As we have sought welcome in new places,

People: So may we welcome all God's children.

Anthem "Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above" arr. Kevin
McChesney
Canticle Bells

Sharing Alan Brown
Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever.
Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Quietude" Micheal J. Glasgow
Canticle Bells

*** Doxology** UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading Old Testament page 2 Genesis 3:1-7
New Testament page 831 Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "19 and Reaching Up or 19 and Bowing Down"
Rev. Kurt Landerholm

Service Of Holy Communion

UMH 12

Invitation
Confession and Pardon
Words of Assurance
The Great Thanksgiving
The Distribution of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING FORTH

*** Hymn 432** "Jesu, Jesu" CHEREPONI
*** Pastoral Benediction**
*** Postlude** "How Brightly Beams the Morningstar" J. Pachelbel

** Members of the congregation stand if able.*

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Dale and Debbie Lewis and family
in memory of Tyrel Lewis, son, grandson, brother and uncle;
Jean Lewis, mother and grandmother;
Betty Klein, mother and grandmother.

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