



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 1/8/2023

Epiphany Sunday

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Zoom link for Joys & Concerns: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2057847210>

Link to PDF of Hymns for larger print:

Prelude & Receiving the Light: Improvisation on *Hymn*

Welcome

Words for Centering: Isaiah 60:1-6

***Hymn of Celebration:** Red Hymnal #151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

***Call to Worship:** (*adapted from an Epiphany litany by Ken Sehested*)

Leader: Arise, shine; for your Light has come, for heaven’s Glory rises to greet you!

People: But how can such frivolous claims be made? For blind rage covers the earth, and the nations are allied in enmity.

Leader: Open your eyes, oh People of Promise! Throw off fear’s blinding cover and see the Radiance that lights the Way Home.

People: Such Light will draw all to its splendor. Rulers from every corner will make their way by the light of this star.

Leader: Open every portal of sight, every pore of vivid sense, and take it all in! This, now, is the moment of rejoicing. Hearts vibrate with the melody of joyful abundance!

People: Even the beasts of field and furrow are drawn to this luminous landscape, bearing extravagant gifts and songs of praise. Let us arise and shine, for the Light has come!

Listening To the Sacred Text: Matthew 2:1-12

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

Word and words, O God. Help us to hear the One among the many.

Reflecting: “Clear Skies”

***Hymn of Reflection:** Black Hymnal #164 “Arise, Your Light is Come”

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (New Zealand/Maori Anglican Liturgy, adapted)

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father~Mother~Parent of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: "Brightest and Best"

Kirchner

***Doxology** (*Tune: All Creatures Of Our God and King*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

***Sending Song:** Black Hymnal #154 "Go, Tell it On the Mountain"

*Benediction

Postlude: Allegro from Trio in G K. 564

W. A. Mozart

***Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.**

Leading In Today's Service:

Laura Martin, Director of Music

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

John Goff, Usher

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Amy Harris, Violin

Liz Lee, Cello