

Covenant Community Church



Epiphany Sunday

January 2, 2022

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us

People: And we have seen his glory.

Leader: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

People: Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever.

*Confession

Call to Confession (Leader)

Trusting in God's love made known in the gift of Jesus, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession (People)

Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness (Leader)

As children of the Holy One, God forgives you and loves you eternally. By the power of God's Spirit, forgive yourself and forgive others as God in Christ has forgiven you.

*Opening Hymn #192

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.

As With Gladness Men of Old

As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

*Scripture

Ephesians 1:3-14

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

*Hymn #174

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the world began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed,
when a virgin, blest with grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

Let the heights of heav'n adore him;
angel hosts his praises sing:
pow'rs, dominions bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
ev'ry voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

(Leader: Light of the world, **People: shine in our lives.**)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response

What can I give him, poor that I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
but what I can I give him, give my heart.

Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn #188

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'ry where;
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 shone a holy light. **[Refrain]**

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rant out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. **[Refrain]**

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **[Refrain]**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader: Go in Peace. Love and serve the Lord!

People: Praise be to God!

*Denotes all who are able, please stand

Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Worship Leader:

Josy Moore

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Scripture Reader:

Grace Wakeman

Ephesians 1:3-14 New Living Translation

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. ⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. ⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.^[a] ⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

⁹ God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. ¹⁰ And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. ¹¹ Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God,^[b] for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

¹² God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. ¹³ And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own^[c] by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. ¹⁴ The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

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