

The Spirit sends us out in ministry
to preach good news to the poor,
righteousness to the nations,
and peace among all people. Amen.

*Song: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LUYH 936

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

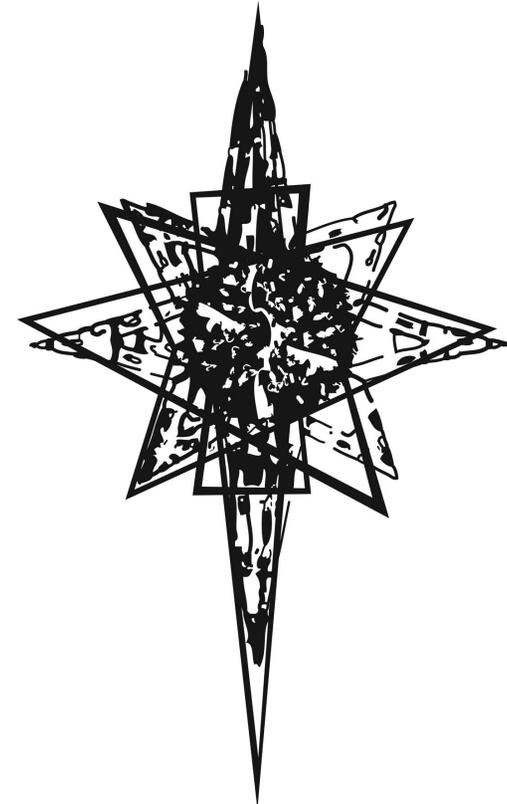
*Closing Song: "To God Be the Glory" LUYH 956

Worship Participants

Pastor: Jordan Helming ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries
Worship Leader: Deb Hibma ♦ Sound: Nick Breems ♦ Projection: Marty Vander Plaats
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Epiphany

February 4, 2018



Epiphany

"We know the word: a moment of piercing awareness, the sudden jolt of understanding. Imagine, then, that moment stretched out over a period of time. This is the season of Epiphany, a season celebrating the revelation of the Savior, the light of the word." (Philip F. Reinders, *Seeking God's Face*). Epiphany began for the church on January 7 as we celebrated the visit of the Magi to the Christ child and continues up to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. From now until Lent, worshipers grow in an awareness of the significance of the entire life of Jesus and prepare for the call to discipleship that will happen in Lent. (adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song of Praise: "We Sing the Mighty Power of God" LUYH 10

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Shout to the Lord" LUYH 603

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 130:3,4,7,8 p.969

Song of Thanksgiving: "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord" LUYH 584

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "I Am the Light of the World"

***I am the light of the world, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in the dark,
will never walk in the dark, but have the light of life.***

Words: John 8:12, Music: June Fischer Armstrong, © 1991 CRC Publications

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39 p.1553

Sermon: "The Quiet Messiah" Jordan Helming

*Song of Response: "Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness" LUYH 766

We Offer Our Gifts and Prayers

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the General/Building Fund. The General Fund helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries while the Building Fund offerings are used to cover major project expenses for the church.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another

We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

Lectionary Reading: I Corinthians 9:17-23 p.1781

*Affirmation: Our Song of Hope, st. 16

**The Holy Spirit sends the church
to call sinners to repentance,
to proclaim the good news
that Jesus is personal Savior and Lord.**

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