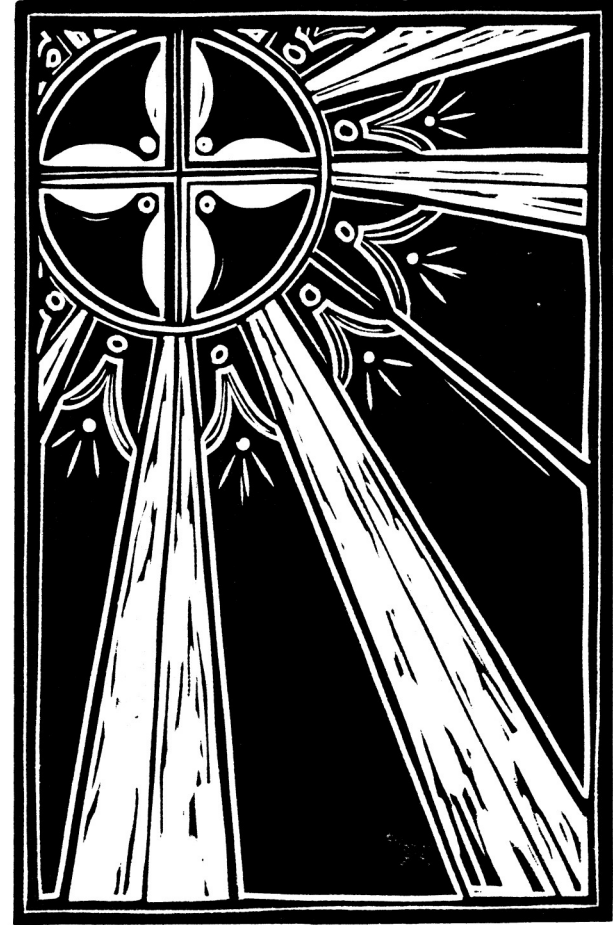


Epiphany

January 19, 2020



Prayer of the Day

Father Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Worship Participants

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Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 40:1-3 p.878

*Song of Praise: “Come, Thou Almighty King” LUYH 492

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” LUYH 111:1-3

Renewal

The Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34 p.1647

Prayers of Confession

Loving God, we come to you in the name of Jesus—
knowing that you loved us before we could ever love you.
We come as sinners who need your forgiveness.
Trusting in your power,
we long to turn away from all that keeps us from serving you fully.
With your family in all times and places, we confess that salvation—
for us, for others, and for all creation—comes through Jesus Christ,
Thank you for this indescribable gift. Amen.

Statement of Assurance: I John 1:9 p.1899

Song of Thanksgiving: “All Glory Be to God on High” LUYH 542

Word

Children’s Blessing: “Christ, Be Our Light” (*chorus only*) LUYH 908

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.

Prayer for Illumination: “Speak, O Lord” LUYH 755:1

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7

p.1138

Sermon: “The Way Up Is Down”

Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: “In Christ There Is No East or West” LUYH 268

*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles’ Creed LUYH 783A

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 Fund, which helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

*Benediction

*Closing Song: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

**1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth your now bring us: shine on me, shine on me.**

Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory.

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.**

Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

**3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story: shine on me, shine on me.**

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