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We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another

## We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

Words of Hope: Isaiah 25:6-9

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\*Song: "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

LUYH 536:1,2

## We are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

LUYH 536:3

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### Worship Participants

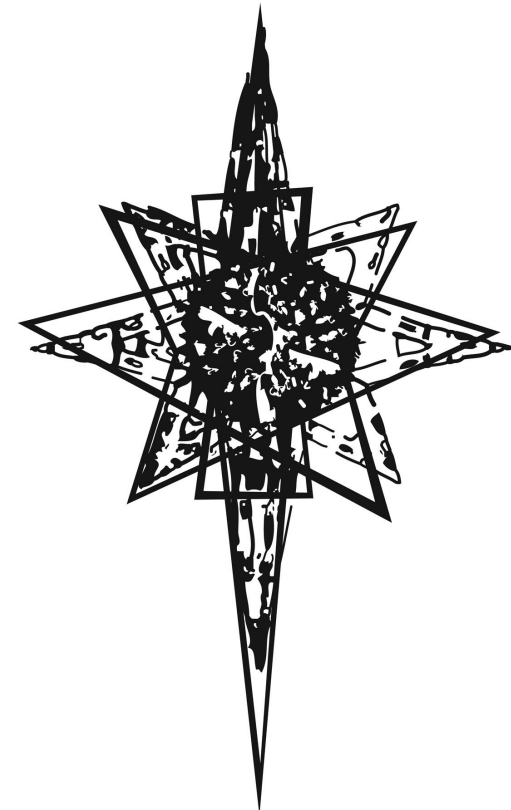
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# Epiphany

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## 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 begins for the church today as we celebrate 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

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 150:1,2,6

Hallelujah! Praise! Praise God in the temple, in the highest heavens!

**Praise! Praise God's mighty deeds and noble majesty.**

All that is alive, praise!

**Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

\*Songs of Praise: "God Himself Is with Us"

LUYH 565:1,2

"Yesu azali awa/Jesus Christ Is with Us"

LUYH 600:1-3

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song of Praise: "Ten Thousand Reasons"

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## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 23

Assurance of Pardon

**Surely goodness and mercy will follow me  
all the days of my life.**

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Thanks be to God.**

God's Call to Grateful Living

Because of God's grace and mercy,

how shall we live in relationship to Him who saved us?

**We will have no other gods before Him;**

**we will not make for ourselves any substitute gods;**

**we will not abuse the name of the Lord,**

**but speak it only in reverence and love;**

**we will honor the Lord's day through worship, witness**

**and fellowship with His people.**

How shall we live in relationship with others?

**We will honor our parents and hold the family in high esteem;**

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**we will not abuse, hate or injure our friends or neighbors**

**by words, gestures or deeds;**

**we will not commit adultery, but live holy disciplined lives;**

**we will not steal; we will not lie;**

**we will not grasp for what we do not have,**

**nor reject others for having it.**

How does Jesus summarize these commandments?

**He says that we should love the Lord our God**

**with all our heart, mind, and strength,**

**and our neighbors as ourselves,**

**and by God's grace, we will do it!**

Song: "O God, You Are My God"

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## 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: Luke 14:15-24

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Sermon: "The Outrageous Invitation"

Dr. Justin Bailey

\*Song of Response: "Not What My Hands Have Done"

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## 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 Missions Fund which enables us to focus on mission efforts both locally and in other countries.