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January 5, 2020
Epiphany Sunday



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Today is Epiphany Sunday in the church calendar. The word epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning “manifestation or appearance.” In church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi.

What is the significance of the Epiphany of our Lord? We simply cannot know the Lord in a saving way apart from Him revealing Himself to us. The Apostle Paul writes to Titus, “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy” (3-4a).

It is fitting then, that this Sunday begins our “Gospel Priorities” series. During the month of January, our hope as a Church is to learn more about what it means to display the glory of Christ to a dying world through our unity in diversity (Ephesians 2:11-3:6) and our seeking to make Earth as it is in Heaven.

As we enter worship today let us resolve to make the light and love of Jesus known as we seek to be the Church He redeemed us to be!

CHRIST OUR ROCK

ORGAN PRELUDE: Fantasy in G Major “Pièce d’Orgue” J.S. Bach
Samuel Metzger, organ

✦CALL TO WORSHIP: Based off of Ephesians 3:14-18 Barton Kimbro

Come and kneel before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

**According to the riches of his glory,
may he strengthen us with power through his Spirit
so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.**

And being rooted and established in love,
together with all the Lord’s redeemed people,

**May we grasp how wide and long
and high and deep is the love of Christ.**

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” MARION
Words: Ruth Duck / Music: Arthur Messiter; arr. Metzger / Isaiah 60:1

1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4. A - rise! your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com-fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Refrain

A - rise, a - rise, a - rise, your light has come!
 A - rise, a - rise,

♠ INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠ PROPHETIC LESSON: Select verses from Isaiah 43 Shelley Hill (8:15)
 Will Stevens (11:00)

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:

**“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

**when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.**

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
 I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

**Because you are precious in my eyes,
 and honored, and I love you,**

I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

**Fear not, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you.**

I will say to the north, ‘Give up,’ and to the south, ‘Do not withhold;
 bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,

**everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”**

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Glory to God, His name we laud;
 Our Father, love He shows us.
 And to His Son our praises run;
 He understands and knows us.
 To Holy Ghost our thanks shall be,
 To God fore'er in persons three.
 His loving care enfolds us.**

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil
and lazy in doing good.
All our shortcomings and offenses are against You.
You alone know how often we have sinned
by wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts and in forgetting Your love.
O Lord, have pity upon us. Teach us to hate our sins.
Forgive all our sins on account of Your dear Son, our Savior.
Send Your purifying grace into our hearts,
that we may live in Your light
and walk according to the commandments of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Ephesians 2:8-9

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Beautiful Savior" arr. Christiansen

Words: Münster Gesangbuch / Music: arr. Christiansen

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.
Now and forevermore be Thine!

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦DOXOLOGY. OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. Josh Preston

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. Lucy Stevens

CHRIST OUR LORD

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand)*

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 423 "By Faith" BY FAITH

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend / Psalm 145:4

SCRIPTURE LESSON.Exodus 2:11-25
(page 45 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

SERMON *Marks of a Mediator: Part 1* Russ Whitfield

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 465 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" DIADEMATA

Words: Charles Wesley / Music: George Elvey; arr. Metzger / Ephesians 6:10-11

✦BENEDICTION *(please raise hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Final from "Symphony No. 1"Louis Vierne

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

Gospel Priorities

Each Sunday in January, we will hear from a guest pastor during morning and evening worship on the themes of justice, reconciliation, and diversity for the purpose of becoming the church Christ has redeemed us to be.

Our Speaker Today

Russ Whitfield pastors Grace Mosaic, a cross-cultural church that he helped to plant in Northeast Washington, D.C. He is also the Director of Cross-Cultural Advancement for RUF. Russ and his wife, Vanessa, have four children.

He will return at 6:00 p.m. for the Sunday Night Worship Service in the Sanctuary. We invite you to worship with us.

Upcoming Speakers

January 12: Ken McHeard, *Duanesburg Reformed Presbyterian Church, Duanesburg, NY*

January 19: Michael Aitcheson, *Christ United Fellowship, Orlando, FL*

January 26: Michael Davis, *Downtown Church, Memphis, TN*