



Service for the Lord's Day

January 3, 2021

8:45 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Ukrainian Bell Carol/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Rebecca Testerman, oboe Ellen Foster, harp

GATHERING WORDS AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
For darkness had covered the earth,
But the Lord's glory is appearing over us.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
And the Lord will be our everlasting light!

HYMN

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
Frankie Cavanah, flute Rebecca Testerman, oboe Nicole Marane, organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of kings and commoners,
We confess that we are often more impressed with powerful people
Than we are with your amazing glory.

We seek popularity instead of justice.
We work for success instead of peace.

Forgive us, merciful God,
And give us a new epiphany of your will for the world.
In Christ's name,
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 2:1-12

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

SERMON

Epiphanies From the Magi

Rev. Catherine E. Foster

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Three Kings

Rebecca Testerman, oboe Ellen Foster, harp

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard On High

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Frankie Cavanah, flute Rebecca Testerman, oboe Nicole Marane, organ

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

A Time for New Beginnings

– Lani Smith

Dr. Wooyoung Kwon, organ