

January 6, 2019 Epiphany Sunday

Thought for the Week

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God,
by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly
they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.
—John Crisostom (c. 349-407)

Praise and Thanksgiving "O Gladsome Light" (vs. 1, 3) #686

Welcome, Announcements, Registration, Sharing Joys and Concerns

*(If you have a prayer request, please fill out one of the prayer cards
in the pew rack and give it to the pastor or an usher.)*

***Call to Worship**

Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord rises upon you!
The glory of God shines in the darkness.
Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads!
Take the path that leads to the Christ.
Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!
We worship Jesus the Christ, the hope of the world.

***Opening Prayer**

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
exalted for you, or brought low for you;
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

***Singing** "Honor and Praise" #2018

Confession

Lord, we've thoroughly enjoyed the music, the food, and the activities of
Christmas. We look happily at the lights and decorations, and yet too easily
look past those most in need of compassion and assistance. Open our hearts
to hear the cries of those in need. Bring us into deeper discipleship through
which we help others, and thus serve you. Heal us, and give us courage and
joy in your service. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen. (silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

As surely as light shines in the darkness, the Light of God will bring you healing
and hope. You are loved by God. In God's name, receive the Light.

Anthem "Morning Star" L. Larson

Offering our Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Use our gifts of money and time to shine the light of your Son into the
darkest corners of this world, drawing all into the realm of your love and
righteousness. Amen.

Preparing to Pray "Lead Me, Lord" #473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

Testimony and Song Teen Challenge Men's Choir

Communion

***Singing** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" #2100

Sending Forth

***Singing** "God Be With You" #672

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

WELCOME TO

HARWICH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We're pleased to welcome our brothers from Teen Challenge this morning.

For more information on this life-changing ministry, visit <https://tcbrockton.org/>

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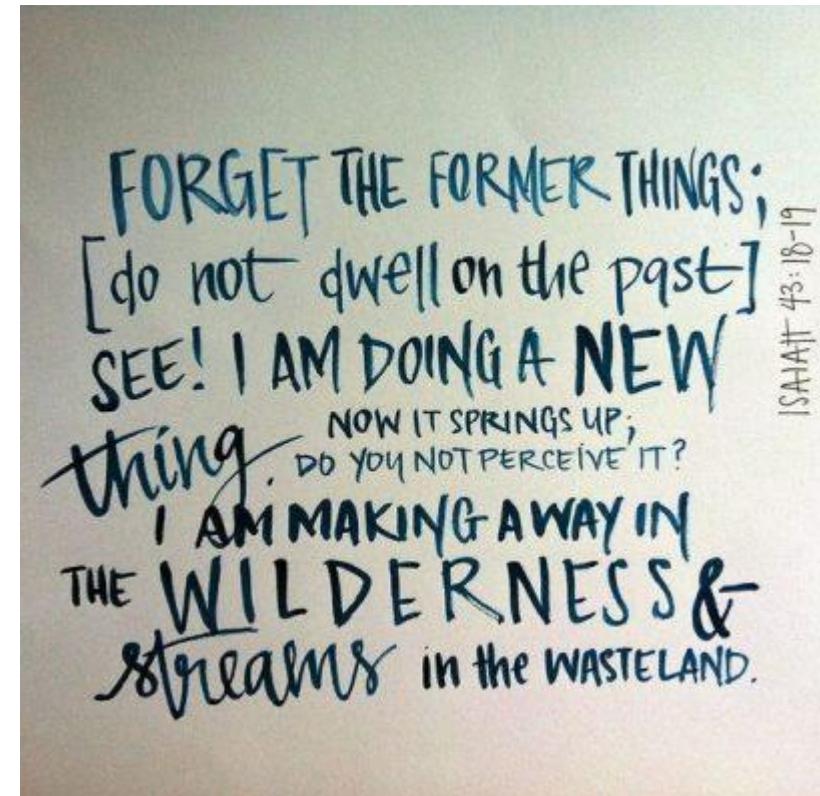
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Greeters:	John and Leslie Albee
Acolyte:	Josh Vigneau
Fellowship Hour:	Saints of HUMC
Fellowship Coordinators:	Pat Thayer and Ruth Crocker
Flower Coordinator:	Linda Carberry (508-896-7100)

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9:30am Worship

10:30am Fellowship followed by
Administrative Council

Friday, January 11

9:00am Thrift Shop Board

Sunday, January 13

10:50am SPRC

The correct Church email address is harwichumc@gmail.com

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Welcome to all: Thank you for worshipping with us. May you find joy in God's holy presence as we celebrate together this morning. Please enjoy coffee and refreshments following the service.

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Plan on joining us as we celebrate God's healing and redemptive work in the world.

Fellowship Hour

Please remember to sign up to prepare coffee and bring goodies!

Birthdays

1/7 Edward Crocker

1/11 Pastor John Robbins

THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR PRAYERS

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Loss of Loved One: Family of Robert Berry,

Strength and Guidance: children separated from their parents at the border, families and communities dealing with violence, HUMC and Pastor John Robbins, our nation and its representatives, those affected by natural disasters, those stuck in the middle of unrelenting violence including the people of Syria and Gaza, family of Darrell Bates and Terry Bassett, Jennifer, Adam, Mashpee Wampanoags, Edwin Baldyac's brother

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