

January 3, 2021 Epiphany Sunday

Thought for the Week

"There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors,
and no slave who has not had a king among his." *Hellen Keller*

"Kings in this world should imitate God,
their mercy should be above their works." *William Penn*

~~Gathering and Welcome~~

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Invocation

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation.

Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.

Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.

Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

Music O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (words printed on pg. 3 of bulletin)

Opening Prayer

O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession

L: Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human

Responsive Refrain: Lord, we confess to you.

L: Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

Refrain

Lordm we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.

Refrain

L: Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word

P: we have built up walls of prejudice.

L: Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy

P: we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Responsorial Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

L: Give the king your justice, O God,

P: and your righteousness to the royal son!

L: May he judge your people with righteousness,

P: and your poor with justice!

L: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

P: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, and give deliverance to the needy and crush the oppressor!

L: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

P: May he be like the rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!

L: In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more! May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

P: May all the kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

L: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor, and those who have no helper.

P: He has pity on the weak and the needy,

L: and saves the lives of the needy.

P: From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

~~The Church Proclaims the Word~~

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

Response: Thanks be to God

Message

The Secret Summit

Pastor Dianne Carpenter

Music

We Three Kings

~~Response to the Word~~

Affirmation of Faith #889

1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16

L: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we may testify.

P: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for the Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

~~The Church Goes Forth~~

Final Hymn Go Tell It On the Mountain (words printed on pg. 4 of bulletin)

Benediction

"God Be With You"

Liturgist: Karl Young

You are welcome here. No matter who you are. No matter what.

January 10, 2021: Scripture Passages
Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

Morning Star

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
Thou beamest forth in truth and light,
O Sovereign meek and lowly!
Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,
My Lord and Master, Thou hast won
My heart to serve Thee solely!
Thou art holy,
Fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing
Rule and might over all possessing.

Thou heavenly Brightness! Light divine!
O deep within my heart now shine,
And make Thee there an altar!
Fill me with joy and strength to be
Thy member, ever, joined to Thee
In love that cannot falter;
Toward Thee longing
Doth possess me; turn and bless me; here in sadness
Eye and heart long for Thy gladness!

Go Tell It On The Mountain

**Refrain: Go, Tell It On The Mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, Tell It On The Mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens,
There shone a holy light:**

Refrain

**The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Saviour's birth:**

Refrain

**Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God send us salvation,
That blessed Christmas morn:**

Refrain

Prayer Concerns

**David Purdy's sister awaiting surgery for an invasive, non-cancerous tumor;
Those who grieve: Joan Felahi, Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. David Calhoun,
family of Matthew Texeira;
Dot Harrington's son, Chris, and Valerie Bell's step-daughter, both with COVID;
The rapid spread of COVID-19 and its new variant;
Our polarized nation, especially this Wednesday, January 6th, with expected protests;
The victims of natural disasters;
Those who work for justice and mercy;
Continued prayers for: Sandra & Mark Loeffler, Jason Narkon, Dan Carrol, Dan Murphy,
Jackie Winne, Declan Smith, Jane Schneeloch, Drew Mielke, Bruce Zeller, Ruth Crocker,
Michael Chatham, Pierre Bonin, Greg Legeyt, Fred Buess;
Pastor Dianne Carpenter and HUMC.**

In Lieu of Christmas Cards

**Thank you for your support for AFSC of CC, Homeless Not Hopeless,
and Hands of Hope**

"Wishing good health and happiness to my HUMC friends." - Dot Harrington

"We have missed being with you and are looking forward to seeing you in 2021.

Love to all." - Laurie and Pierre Bonin:

"May all have a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year." - Karl Young

**"Wishing all our HUMC friends a meaningful Christmas and a New Year full of
health and happiness." - David and Pam Purdy**

**'Happy New year to our beloved church family with prayers for good health
and peace.'" - Mary Dulemba**

**"From our winter home in Maryland to all of you on the Cape: we wish all a blessed
Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year." - Barry and Judy Thomas**

**"Receive your blessings with a grateful heart. Every day of every year will have a
wonderful start!" - Laurie Moore**

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