EPIPHANY SUNDAY
JANUARY 8, 2023
11:00 AM



CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Timothy Boggess

PRELUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* arr. Phillips

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Ethan Clissold

Arise, shine, for our light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
God gathers us from far away and carries us.
All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.
With rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.
With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.

*** HYMN 151** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:
O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. **(Refrain)**

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshiping God Most High. **(Refrain)**

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **(Refrain)**

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies. **(Refrain)**

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Timothy Boggess

Holy Refugee of Israel,
we would like to believe that we would be like the magi,
that we would protect the innocent child,
that we would stand up to power.
But too often we have turned away from those who need us.
Too often we have bent to the powers that be,
resigning ourselves to the way it has always been.
Forgive our lack of action,
guide us back to your purposes,
and help us to be brave enough to do your will.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* **SONG OF JOY 143 (VERSE 3)** *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!

* **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SERMON *Course Correction* Timothy Boggess

ANTHEM *O Send Out Thy Light* Spenser Schuldt

O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me.
Let them bring me unto thy holy hill, unto thy tabernacles.
Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy.
Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God.
O God, my God, yea, thee will I praise.

(Psalm 43: 3-4)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From *The Study Catechism* (1998) Ethan Clissold

Question 77. What is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal by which our communion with Christ is renewed.

Question 78. What does it mean to share in the Lord's Supper?

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus Christ is truly present,
pouring out his Spirit upon us.
By his Spirit, the bread that we break and the cup that we bless
share in our Lord's own body and blood.
Through them he once offered our life to God;
through them he now offers his life to us.
As I receive the bread and the cup,
remembering that Christ died even for me,
I feed on him in my heart by faith with thanksgiving,
and enter his risen life, so that his life becomes mine,
and my life becomes his, to all eternity.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

. . . Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,
you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything
we may yield ourselves,
our wills and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** HYMN 744** *Arise! Your Light is Come* Festal Song

1 Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

*** BENEDICTION** Timothy Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation of *We Three Kings* Steven Phillips

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