

ORDER OF WORSHIP – January 22, 2023

**Please rise in body or spirit*

EPIPHANY RING

Joseph D'Eugenio

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. James Campbell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bill Torello

Taken from Isaiah 9 & 6

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

One: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

All: But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

One: Nations shall come to your light,

All: And kings to the brightness of your dawn.

One: The people who walked in darkness

All: Have seen a great light;

One: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,

All: On them light has shined.

One: Let us celebrate the Light of the world,

All: For upon us has the Light shined!

***HYMN**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, 48

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Rev. Alison McCaffrey

One: Let us join hearts and voices in affirming our Epiphany faith:

All: We believe in a bright and amazing God, who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf; who has risen in splendor and majesty; who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear light, twinkling stars and sharp colors, over and over again.

We believe that Jesus is the light of the world; that God believes in us and trusts us, even though we make the same mistakes over and over again.

We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as sisters and brothers, and to the Maker's business in this world: love and laughter, peace and justice. Amen!

***GLORIA**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us exchange words and signs of peace

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

M. Haugen (words and music)

Bring Forth the Kingdom
Sung by Music with Friends and Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

One: For the Word of God in Scripture -
For the Word of God among us -
For the Word of God within us -

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. James Campbell
“In the Bleak Midwinter”

*HYMN

Healer of Our Every Ill, 630

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

***HYMN**

Arise, Your Light Is Come! 231

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

Flowers are from Sara and Jeff Buell in memory of their parents.