

Epiphany Sunday

Color: White (symbolizing Life)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Guest Pastor: Rev. Lee Prophitt

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10:15 am Worship Service

January 5, 2020

As you are seated, please remember to fill out the attendance pad and pass it along the pew.

* - Indicates those who are able may stand

Bold – Everyone speaks

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (blue hardcover)

FWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal (black paperback)

WAS – Worship and Song (green paperback)

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

Rev. Jessica Prophitt

As we light this lamp, we pray for the safety of all who are in harm's way this day and especially for all those in the midst of conflict.

Grant us peace, grant them peace, grant the world peace, in the name of Your Son. Amen.

*Gathering Song

UMH #173

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Gathering in God's Name

*Call to Worship

One: The righteousness of God is abundant. It is handed down to leaders of nations, a gift to the people, for all generations.

Many: We praise the Lord, all of us, for we are precious in his sight.

One: The justice of God is complete. We have followed the star and found the savior, just as we were told.

Many: We praise the Lord, all of us, for we are precious in his sight.

One: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Many: We praise the Lord, all of us, for we are precious in his sight.

Call to Confession

Our Christmas time is at a close. Wrapping paper is almost finished floating gently to the ground, from the fervor and joy with which it was flung. Family and friends are returning to daily lives, schedules and responsibilities. Are we renewed? Did we wait, with expectancy and urgency, during this season of Advent?

Prayer of Confession

We join together today, continuing to ask for the joy and peace offered at the manger. May we sit still, under the holy light of the star, and be thankful for the gift and of the journey it took to get us here. We confess we may not have lived our lives in expectation this season. We confess we may have been afraid, despite the constant refrain of the angels which echoes throughout time and space: "Do not be afraid." Our sins are laid before you, Lord. Bestow upon us the gift of your forgiveness, just as you received the gifts from those who journeyed so far to see you. We endeavor to seek your joy. We endeavor to accept your peace. We readily accept your forgiveness. Amen.

Moment of Stillness and Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: We gather here today and heed the words of the Lord: "Do not be afraid." The Lord speaks to us in our dreams, when the walls of our logic are down and our mind's eye is open wide. Within, we hear words of protection and warnings which keep us safe, for our sake and the sake of others. We hear you Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Call to Prayer

Lord of all, we ask for your protection today. Leaders of nations don't always look to you. Many seek power for their sake and not for the sake of all the people. Some seek only to enact the justice

that benefits the few, or the one. We pray today as people who know that your holy work in the world is for all people. We also bow today, bringing our own burdens. You are our shepherd. You are our deliverer. You are our King. Lord, hear our prayers this day. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Brief prayers may be shared by people in the congregation.

If it is a prayer request, the Pastor will end the prayer by saying, "God, to your love..."

If it is a praise, the Pastor will say, "God, in thanksgiving..."

Then the people shall respond each time by saying:

"...we trust this prayer."

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.

First Reading from the Word

Isaiah 60:1-6

***Responsorial Hymn**

Doxology

UMH #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 uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Proclamation of God's Word

***Prayer of Illumination**

The living words of scripture are offered to us, molding and shaping us, as we prayerfully study and read them. Join us today as we learn through your words, written by those most faithful. We are here to receive your message. Amen.

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12

Especially for Children

FWS #2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

The Message

Dreams

Rev. Lee Prophitt

Responding to God's Word

Response in Praise and Offering

FWS #2095

"Star-Child"

(All loose change goes to Children's Lunchbox)

If you are visiting for the first time, your presence is gift enough. We would love to see you again next Sunday!

***Presentation of the Gifts**

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion**

UMH #13

***Hymn of Reflection**

FWS #2173

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

***Taking Christ's Light into the World**

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Charge and Blessing**

One: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the countenance of the Lord go before you...and give you peace. Share that peace.

Many: Amen

***Benediction (Beam Song)**

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

And also with you.

****Communion Note**

We also have a separate gluten-free bread and chalice available for those who cannot have gluten. Please ask the servers for "gluten-free".