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Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

This morning, as we worship our God, we also celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Here at Mt. Zion UCC, all are invited to the table of grace.

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance! We pray God's blessing upon you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come to worship in this new year hoping it will be better.

P: We ask God to guide our thinking and doing and help us remember:

L: 2020 will be kinder,

P: if I am kinder.

L: 2020 will be more compassionate,

P: if I show more compassion.

L: 2020 will be less anxious,

P: if I offer more grace.

L: 2020 will be more just,

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

P: if I advocate for more justice.

L: 2020 will be less contentious,

P: if I speak more gently.

L: 2020 will be less violent,

P: if I more actively work for peace.

L: 2020 will be more loving,

P: if I demonstrate love more freely.

L: Let us enter this new year and this time of worship, guided by God's light.

P: Let us be God's light in the world.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 160** (black hymnal)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Most holy and most loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who either through foolishness or wilfulness often choose darkness instead of light. Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions, our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom, our deep seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal. Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us."

Through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 154 (black hymnal, vs. 1 &4)

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ALL SING: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere. Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Go tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere. Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

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(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiab 60: 1-6
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13

MESSAGE

HYMN (see p. 5)

New Year's Hymns

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

A Little Light Was Born by Barrett

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 181 (black hymnal, v. 2)

You Are Salt for the Earth O People

ALL SING: You are a light on the hill, **O people:** light for the City of God! Shine so holy and bright, **O people:** Shine for the City of God! Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace; bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: At Epiphany we acknowledge God's very real presence on our journeys. God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: As the magi lifted their eyes to the star lift up your hearts, so that you find the blessed light of Christ to comfort and to guide you.

People: We lift our hearts to God with hope and expectation.

Leader: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all that you have made....In the presence of your Holy Spirit we offer ourselves to you, and we

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unite our voices with the entire body of the church in saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty and light, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE

SHARING THE ELEMENTS *(all cups contain grape juice)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: God of love and light, we give you thanks for refreshing us at your table, and for being present with us here at this holy meal. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, guide us into the places where you have called us, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 584** (black hymnal)

I Am the Light of the World

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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New Year's Hymn

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Piano

1. On this day of cel - e - bra - tion, at this
 2. Long a - go you sent our Savi - or to this
 3. Through two thou - sand years of chang - es, through these
 4. On this day, we pause and won - der what the

4

time when hopes are new, God we gath - er as your
 world in deep de - spair. In Your Word made flesh you
 pass - ing cen - tur - ies, You have called your church to
 fu - ture years will bring, yet we know you clothe each

7

peo - ple called to put our trust in you. You have
 came our life to know our sins to bear. Christ has
 wit - ness to Christ's love that claims and frees. Each new
 flow - er and you make each spar - row sing. How much

10

made the world we li - ve in you have worked through his - to -
 died and Christ has ri - sen! At this new year we pro -
 gen - er - a - tion hears you, each must find a fresh new
 more will you pro - te - ct us with your guid - ing, car - ing

13

- ry. In your plan we find our pur - pose, in your
 - claim! Yes - ter - day, to - day for - ev - er, Je - sus
 way to make known the life you of - fer, to the
 hand! By your Spir - it, lead us bold - ly in the

16

love our u - ni - ty.
 Christ is still the same.
 peo - ple in their day.
 fu - ture you have planned.

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If you receive Holy Communion today, please complete a communion card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

Thank you to the worship choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Tama Allison, Becky & Jerry Hester, & Jodi Graham

8 AM Sound Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Carol Hartman, Tori Everhart, Lisa & Geroge DeMers, & Bill Murphy

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Video Tech: Weston Wagaman

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Beyer

10:30 AM Nursery: Tammy Gordon & Connie Wolfe

WOW Kids: Brooke Markel & Cassidy Schildt

1. The call to worship was adapted from a Call to Worship written by Rev. Andy Bryan, accessed at getlitworship.wordpress.com on December 31, 2019.

2. The prayer of confession was written by Bruce Prewer and was accessed at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/12/confession-assurance-epiphany.html> on December 31, 2019.

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Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

(Jesus, the Light of the World)

John 8:12; 9:5

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.; adapt. George D. Elderkin; alt.



1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 2 Joy-ful, all you saints a-rise, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 3 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 4 Hail the Bear-er of God's peace! Je-sus, the light of the world;



Glo-ry to the Christ-child bring, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Join the tri-umph of the skies, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Word, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the light of the world.



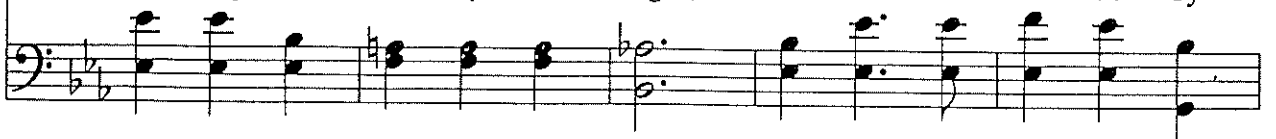
Refrain



We will fol-low the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the



dew-drops of mer-cy are bright, Shine all a-round us by



day and by night, Je-sus, the light of the world.



The original version of Charles Wesley's hymn has received various alterations throughout the years. This adaptation by George Elderkin utilizes a repeated ascription, "Jesus, the light of the world," and a refrain to create a rousing carol of praise.

Tune: ELDERKIN 7.7.7.7. with refrain
 George D. Elderkin
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

I Am the Light of the World

John 8:12

Jim Strathdee, 1969; rev. 1981

In response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman

F *Unison Introduction* *Refrain* *Bb* *C* *F*

"I am the light of the world!

Bb *C* *F* *Gm* *Dm* *C*

You peo-ple come and fol-low me!" If you fol-low and love you'll

F *Gm7* *C* *Bb* *F* *Bb* *F* *Last time, end*

learn the mys-ter-y of what you were meant to do and be.

F *Bb/D* *C* *F*

1 When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the
 2 7 To find the lost and lone-ly one, 7 to
 3 7 To free the pris-oner from all chains, 7 to
 4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you do, 7 to

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (CONTINUED)

Gm Dm C

star in the sky is gone, When the
 heal the bro - ken soul with love, 7 To
 make the pow - er - ful care, To re -
 dance at a ba - by's new birth, 7 To

F Bb C F

sag - es and the shep - herds have found their way home, the
 feed the hun - gry chil - dren with warmth and good food, To
 build the na - tions with strength of good will, to
 make mu - sic in an old per - son's heart, and

Dm Bb Gm7 C Return to §

work of Christ-mas is be - gun:
 feel the earth be - low, the sky a - bove!
 see all God's chil - dren ev - ery - where!
 sing to the col - ors of the earth!

This text is based on a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman, a prolific twentieth-century writer, theologian, and teacher. The song grew out of Jim Strathdee's music ministry at an intercultural, bilingual congregation in Los Angeles.

Tune: LIGHT OF THE WORLD Irr.
 Jim Strathdee, 1969