

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Epiphany

10:30AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

We Three Kings

by Hopkins

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Arise! Shine! Your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

P: We have seen the star in the east, and we are following. We have remembered God's wonder and promise, and we are worshipping.

L: God's people now gather together, to open our hearts and sing out our praise.

P: The mystery of God's wonder and grace is present: Come, let us adore!

OPENING HYMN NO. 160 (black hymnal, see p. 3)

Jesus, the Light of the World

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

L: We remember the Magi, who set out with singular focus on the promise of the heavens.

P: And we remember the ways that we have lost sight of you, God, as the bright guide for our lives.

L: We remember that they stayed determined on their journey, not even swayed by Herod's power and promises.

P: And we remember that often we have started out well, but strayed from your path, detoured by our fleeting fears and desires.

L: We remember the wise ones who adored the child: wisdom and wealth falling to their knees before a poor infant.

P: And we remember that too often we have given our adoration to wealth or wisdom, not seeing the Christ in our midst.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 125 (red hymnal, v. 3, see p. 4)

Angels We Have Heard on High

ALL SING: Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

SUNDAY SONGS

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 164 (black hymnal, see p. 5)

Arise, Your Light Is Come

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Gesu Bambino

by Yon

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 153 (black hymnal, v. 1, see p. 5)

Who Would Think That What Was Needed

ALL SING: Who would think that what was needed to transform and save the earth might not be a plan or army proud in purpose, proved in worth? Who would think, despite derision, that a child should lead the way? God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 154 (black hymnal, see p. 6)

Go Tell It on the Mountain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Morning Star

by Ritter

Thank you to Deb Herlocker for reading Scripture this morning! Thank you to Andrew Texter, Barb Neff, Brenda Beyer, and Denny Daugherty for leading the hymns this morning! Thank you to Joey Bevivino, Elaine Bevivino, & Mary Jane Snyder for serving on the tech team this morning!

¹ Adapted from "Arise! People of God, Shine! Service Prayers for the Festival of Epiphany" by John A. Nelson, <http://uccfiles.com/rtf/wv010616.rtf>

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Jesus, the Light of the World

$\text{♩} = 80$
Piano

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;

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

15 *Refrain*

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

22

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

29

Je - sus the light of the world.

Angels We Have Heard on High

♩ = 80
Piano 

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sing - ing sweet - ly
2. Shep - herds why this ju - bi - lee? Why those songs of
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

4 

through the night, And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their
hap - py cheer? What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid-ings
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord the

8 

brave de - light. Glo -
did you hear?
new - born King.

12 

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo -

16 

ri - a, in ex - cel - sis

20 

De - o.

Arise, Your Light is Come

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. A - rise your light is come! The
 2. A - rise your light is come! Fling
 3. A - rise, your light is come! All
 4. A - rise, your light is come! The

4

Spir - it's call o - bey; Show forth the glo - ry
 wide the pris - on door; Pro - claim the cap - tive's
 you in sor - row born, Bind up the bro - ken -
 moun - tains burst in song! Rise up like ea - gles

7

of your God which shines on you to - day!
 lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Who Would Think that What Was Needed

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Piano

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earth might not be a plan or ar-my proud in pur - pose, proved in worth?

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Who would think, de - spite de - ri - sion, that a child should lead the way? God sur -

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- pris - es earth with heav - en, com - ing here on Christ - mas Day.


Go Tell It on the Mountain

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$




Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hill and ev - ery - where.

5




Go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born! 1. While
2. The
3. Down

9



shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, Be -
shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

13



- hold through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.