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Epiphany

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

We Three Kings with Fur Elise

arr. Fettke

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We gather now as a community of seekers, looking for the light:

P: the light that will give us clarity, the light that will guide our way.

L: May God refresh our perceptions that we may discover God's manifestation in Christ.

P: Let us glimpse here today the truth revealed in the life and love of Jesus.

L: May epiphany not be just a word

P: but a gasp of wonder at the promise revealed.

OPENING HYMN NO. 164 (BH, see p. 3)

Arise, Your Light is Come

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of Light and God of Grace, we come to you now to confess our sins. We confess to you that sometimes we feel lost in the shadows of this world. We confess that sometimes we even feel like the shadows might consume us. In spite of your promise that the darkness will never overcome the light, we give in to despair.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

When we live in the shadows, we dim the value and worth of others. We dim the value and worth of ourselves. Forgive us God. Forgive us for taking our eyes from you and from your light. Bring our focus to you. Warm us and guide us by your light, showing us a well lit path to wholeness and forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 125 (RH, 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.

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

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 163 (BH, see p. 5, vs. 1-3)

Many Are the Lightbeams

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN NO. 163 (BH, see p. 5, vs. 4-5)

Many Are the Lightbeams

SACRAMENT OF HOLY 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. We especially thank you for Jesus Christ, the light of the world, and for the grace that we receive through him. We praise you for Christ's life, and the light that it brings – a light which points us toward you. In the presence of your Holy Spirit we offer ourselves to you, and we unite our voices with the entire body of the church in saying:

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE JUICE

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*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.

***HYMN NO. 160** (BH, see p. 6)

Jesus the Light of the World

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

arr. Hopson

Thank you to Lee Brown for donating the Christmas tree in the sanctuary! Thank you to Jack Herlocker, Deb Herlocker, & John Schriver for serving on tech team this morning. Thank you to Dave Strine, Lana Fritz, Robin Schriver, Tori Everhart, & Barb Stebbins for serving on the welcome team.

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Arise, Your Light is Come

Ruth Duck

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. A - rise your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; Show
2. A - rise your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; Pro -
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, Bind
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise

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forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
- claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

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

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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

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

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

16

ri - a, in ex - cel - sis

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De - o.

Many Are the Lightbeams

Olle Widstrand

Anders Frostenson

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Piano 

1. Man - y are the light beams from the one light.
2. Man - y are the branch- es of the one tree.
3. Man - y are the gifts given, love is all one.
4. Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one.
5. Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is one;

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Our one light is Je - sus.
 Our one tree is Je - sus.
 Love's the gift of Je - sus.
 ser - vant Spir - it of Je - sus.
 mem - bers all of Je - sus.

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Man - y are the light- beams from the one light we are
 Man - y are the branch- es of the one tree; we are
 Man - y are the gifts given, love is all one; we are
 Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one; we are
 Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is one; we are

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one in Christ. _____
 one in Christ. _____
 one in Christ. _____
 one in Christ. _____
 one in Christ. _____

Jesus, the Light of the World

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton


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Piano ♩ = 80




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.

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

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Je - sus the light of the world.