

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Glenn Zuber

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: “Bach Air” from Orchestral Suite 3

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - *Please **clearly** sign the friendship/attendance pad. Thank you.*

INTROIT: “In Moments Like These”

Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**) *(Please stand)*

(L) Arise, shine – for your light has come!

**(P) The glory of the Lord shines upon us.**

(L) From far-flung lands, people stream to the light.

**(P) We come, drawn toward the brightness of dawn.**

(L) Lift up your eyes and see: the faithful gather together.

**(P) Our hearts rejoice as we greet the Lord with praise!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(If children are present)*

HYMN: SEE INSERT *(Please stand)* “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *(Please be seated)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God of Glory, Your light shines throughout the earth, scattering the gloom. You make yourself known to all people and gather multitudes into the brightness of your dawn: the powerful and the wretched, the penniless and the rich, the children of faraway places and the children of this land. Expand our constricting hearts, and help us draw the welcome circle wider, until our communities radiate your glory and grace.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Glenn Zuber

SONG OF PRAISE: HYMN #63 verse 1 “As With Gladness Men of Old”

CONCERNS and JOYS

Rev. Glenn Zuber

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: *(Please stand and greet your neighbors)*

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** *(Please be seated)*

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Glenn Zuber

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (Pew Bible page 533)

*May the king reign forever and deliver the needy.*

ANTHEM: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Choir

NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible page 2)

*Following a star, wise men visit Jesus and bring him gifts.*

SERMON: “Home By Another Route”

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HYMN: #66 *(Please stand)* “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - “Adapted from the Confession of 1967”

**God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God’s purpose would be realized. Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

THE RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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SONG OF DEDICATION: *(Please stand)* “Doxology”

**“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” Amen.** *(Please remain standing)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – *Please note that Communion will be by intinction (dipping the bread in the wine)*

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor’s Prayer / The Words of Institution / Serving of the Communion Elements

THE SENDING

HYMN: #68 “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Glenn Zuber

CLOSING SONG:

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: “Bach Courante” (French Suite 5)