

# EPIPHANY

**The Second Sunday in Epiphany**

Sunday, January 15, 2023



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP  
THIS SECOND SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY**

*We gather together...*

**PRELUDE**

*String Band*

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to worship God,

**Who creates us and loves us;**

Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

**Who provided our Lord, Jesus Christ, as our model of godly life;**

Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

**To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;**

Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

**and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.**

We gather to worship God.

**To God be all glory, honor, and praise!**

\***HYMN** #502: *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* (to the tune from #501)

\***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*...to hear God's Word...*

**FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 49:1-7 (*Old Testament page 679*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

**PSALM**

**HYMNAL:** #803, Psalm 40:1-11

**SECOND LESSON**

I Corinthians 1:1-9 (*New Testament page 165*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

John 1:29-42 (*New Testament page 92*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**\*HYMN #206:** *Sing of God Made Manifest*

**SERMON:** *Rev. Todd Johnson*

*...and to respond with our lives...*

**CONFESSION** *(inspired by the writing of Dorothy Day)*

God of justice,  
we confess that in the pursuit of our own dreams and desires,  
**we have not always been civil, not always humane,  
not always right.**

Guided by your Spirit,  
what we would like to do is change the world –  
**make it a little simpler for people  
to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves  
as You intended them to do.**

Help us to be your witnesses,  
by fighting for better conditions,  
**by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers,  
the poor, of the destitute –**  
the rights of those of all races, all nationalities, all gender identities, all religions  
so that we can, with your help, change the world.  
**Enlarge our hearts to love each other,  
to love our neighbor,  
and to love our enemy as our friend. Amen.**

**WORD OF ASSURANCE** *(from John 1:9,12)*

The true light that gives light to everyone  
was coming into the world.  
To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name,  
he gave the right to become children of God.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\***HYMN #628: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERINGS TO GOD**

Announcements  
Offering

\*Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*...in the places we now go.*

\*HYMN: *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love\**

WORDS & MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

**We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**

CHORUS:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
By our love, Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land.**

CHORUS

**We will work with each other, We will work side by side.  
We will work with each other, We will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each one's dignity  
And save each one's pride.**

CHORUS

**All praise to the Father, From whom all things come.  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son.  
And all praise to the Spirit,  
Who make us one.**

CHORUS

## \*BENEDICTION

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out the same Spirit upon you. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your life and make glad your heart. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

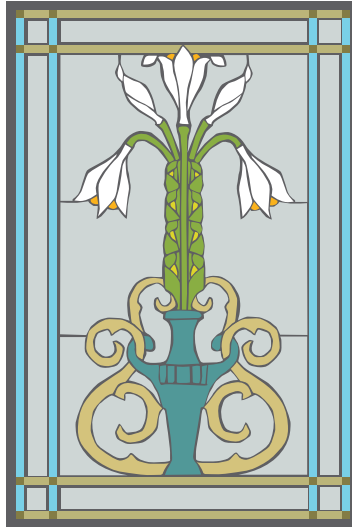
## POSTLUDE

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,  
in the Narthex.*

*Welcome!*

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

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 **TODAY'S FLOWERS**

The flowers this morning are given by **Sandy Nelson** and **Chris Brown** in celebration of **Elsie's** 15th birthday on January 11.  
*Happy birthday, Elsie!*

GREETER: Sandy Larsen

READERS: Lauren Pattie and Brent Stobel

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Arlie Swanson

USHER: Corbin Sheffels

COFFEE SERVERS: Ann and Trevor Scranton

ACOLYTES: Axel and Elsie

LIVESTREAM: Phia Waite



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