

Bethel
United Church of Christ
January 6, 2019



The People of God Gather for Worship and Sacrament

The Epiphany of our Lord

Kindly turn off or silence all electronic devices
Please observe a time of silence during the prelude for reflection and preparation for worship

PRELUDE

Raise Now Your Song on High

from “Christmas Oratorio by Saint-Saëns
Arr. by Todd Kendall

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS †

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 72

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son;

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations;

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound.

May the kings of Tarshish render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, and all nations give him service.

* HYMN NO. 176

Sing of God Made Manifest (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

Alt. Tune – ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

SOLO

Light of the World

by Lauren Daigle

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible, page 602

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our guide, **to you who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused and easily distracted. We lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you.**

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 161

I Wonder as I Wander (vs. 1)

I WONDER AS I WANDER

**I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.
For poor ordinary people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.**

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible, page 783

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

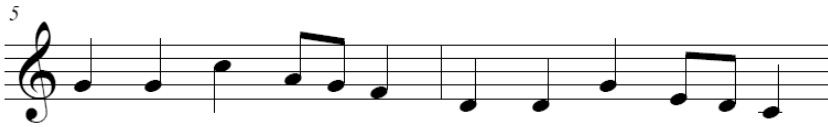
And also with you!



God's love made vis-i-ble! In-com-pre-hen-si-ble!



Christ is in - vin - ci - ble! His love shall reign!



From love so boun-ti - ful, bless - ings un - count-a - ble



make death sur - mount-a - ble! His love shall reign!

SERMON

HOME BY ANOTHER WAY

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Arr. by Dan Coates

* Response

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

* Prayer of Dedication

HYMN NO. 172

We Three Kings (vs. 1)

KINGS OF ORIENT

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This morning we will receive the Lord's Supper in our pews. After being served, please hold the bread and then the cup so that we may consume the elements as individual members of Christ's church united as one body. Please note – the communion cup contains wine except for the inner ring of grape juice; the bread is gluten free.

Invitation

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 our thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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 of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* HYMN NO. 169

O Thou Joyful

O SANCTISSIMA

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

17th Century Provençal Carol
Setting by Robert Lau

* Indicates those who are able please stand

✠ Please fill out the pew pad. In order that we may best serve your spiritual needs, please use the prayer request cards in the pew rack and place them in the offering

Bold Indicates congregational response

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PRAYER REQUESTS

In the spirit of Christian love, remember these people and their families
in your thoughts and prayers – not only today, but throughout the coming week.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
December 16	Family of Gail Davis Barnes	Mary Sue Moore
	Sawyer Featherstone	Sue Mann
	Sally Lewis.....	Linda Wolff
	Friends of Natalie Matovinovic	Mary Sue Moore
	Yonnie Maziarz	Emily St. Charles
	Mac and Sharon McMurray.....	Emily St. Charles
December 23	Dean Amrhein.....	Susie Amrhein
	Mark Jordan	Jill Corwin
	Cody Simpson	Denise Davis
	Michael Taylor.....	Norma Keller
	Nicole Tuttle.....	Michelle Jedele
	Pat Wilson.....	Jean Holder
December 30	Michelle Hiscock.....	
	Gail Holder	Jean Holder
	Frank Robb.....	
	Turner Russell	Michelle Roberts
	Maverick Wagner	Patsy Aiken
	My Grandma in Heaven	Karsyn Klein
January 6	Family of Taylor Anderson	Rich Casteels
	Glenda Capps	Emily St. Charles
	Stephen Coulter	Amy Riley
	Diane Jordan.....	Emily St. Charles
	Family of William (Bill) Peters	Cathy Moore
	Family of Officer Michael Smith.....	Tim Seeger
	Family of Mary Turton.....	Renee Casteels
	Paul Whelan and family	

Those Serving Our Country

Sept. 25, 2010	Gy-Sgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines	Lyle Wahl
Jan. 13, 2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 st Airborne, U.S. Army	
April 3, 2016	Kyle Braun, U.S. Marines.....	Harvey & Marcella Luckhardt
Oct. 8, 2017	Henry Arbogast, U.S. Navy	Darlene Kuebler
Sept. 2, 2018	Willie Day, U.S. Navy Seals.....	Jody Munson

EVENTS TODAY

Sun., Jan. 6 **9:30 a.m.** Worship with Holy Communion
 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
 4:00 p.m. Youth Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Jan. 7 **6:30-7:15 p.m.** Children's Choir rehearsal
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal

Tues., Jan. 8 **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Bethel Quilters

Wed., Jan. 9 **6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting

Sun., Jan. 13 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Board of Christian Education meeting
 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
 4:00 p.m. Youth Ministry

Mon., Jan. 14 **6:30-7:15 p.m.** Children's Choir rehearsal
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal

Tues., Jan. 15 Newsletter articles are due
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Bethel Quilters

Sat., Jan. 19 **9:00 a.m.** Joint Church Board and Elders meeting

Bethel Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz
Music Director: Mary Sue Moore
Greeters: Dave and Diane Seeger
Ushers: Jeff Mann, Gage Drake, Jacob Mann, Vic Mann, and Stacy Sheets
Acolyte: Emma Shankland
Lay Reader: Annelise Baron
Soloist: Katie Fiegel; accompanied by Judy Fiegel
Offertory: Judy Fiegel, Piano
Child Care: Michelle Jedele and Jessica Mann

