

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

January 19, 2020 The Second Sunday After Epiphany

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today.

Please note this is a scent free environment.

(*please rise in body or spirit)

Prelude: "Lyric Sketch" - Edvard Grieg; arr. Benton Price

Welcome, Announcements & Lighting of the Candles

**Gathering Hymn: VU 651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

Centering Time for Worship

Seeking an Epiphany

**Invitation to Community*

Gather in the light of the star

The star that is a sign

A sign of what?

That the Divine leads us on a journey

Where are you going to?

We are walking the path of peace

**Gathering Prayer*

You who brings celestial life to creation, we pray that in this time together, your love will continue to surround us; your voice ... disturb us; your call ... ever clearer. In the name of Jesus, the forgiver, we make this prayer. Amen

**Hymn: VU 266 "Amazing Grace"*

Confession of Sin: VU 928 B

Candles of Joy and Concern

Power and Promise

Preparation for Proclamation: VU 82 "A Light is Gleaming"

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night,

**living in the light. Come share its gladness,
God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.**

Scriptures: Reader: Patti Shaw

Isaiah 38.17 Isaiah 40.28-31

Luke 23.32-38 Matthew 18.21-30

Anthem: "Everywhere I Go" - Natalie Smith

Reflection: "Forgiveness" - Rev. Jessica Beecham-Stockton

Response: VU 808 "On Eagles Wings" chorus

Living on Eagle's Wings

Minute for Mission: Frankie Schilke

Offering: "O Great is the Depth" - F. Mendelssohn

**Hymn of Presentation:* VU 218 "We Praise You, O God"

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

**Prayer of Dedication:*

**We pray that these gifts forgive our debts, forgive our doubts, and open
our hearts. Amen**

Prayers of the Faithful: VU 929 A "Prayer of Thanksgiving"

VU 959 "Lord's Prayer" (sung)

**Hymn:* VU 644 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

**Sending Forth:*

Because we are forgiven

Forgive

We will emulate Jesus

Forgive

That we may be freed

**Concluding Rite:* VU 586 "We Shall Go Out with Hope ..."

Postlude: "Postlude Pomposo" - George Blake