



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

January 5, 2020

Epiphany Sunday

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: "Come Holy Spirit, God and Lord" - J. G. Walther

Welcome, Announcements & Lighting of the Candles

**Gathering Hymn: "We Three Kings"*

**1. We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star**

**Refrain: O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light**

**2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign. R**

**3. Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, voices raising
Worshipping God on high. R**

**4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. R**

**5. Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia**

Sounds through the earth and skies. R - J. H. Hopkins (1857)

Centering Time for Worship

Following the Star

**Invitation to Community*

Welcome to Epiphany

We have followed the star

We are called to be star light

Light that chases shadow away

We have arrived at a certain place

Only to move on as we continue our journey

**Gathering Prayer*

Holy One who is extravagant in your love, at the beginning of a new year, and having arrived at your light, we ask for your presence to guide, challenge and nurture us. As we leave the manger behind hold before us the light of your star, that the real star who we follow will guide us in your path. In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen.

**Hymn: VU 81 "As With Gladness Men of Old"*

Candles of Joy and Concern

He Hasn't Lost His Touch

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:

Psalm 103, VU 825 Mark 1.21-45

Reflection:

*Hymn: VU 96 "Will You Come and See the Light"

Getting Ready to Wander Around

Offering: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now - J. G. Walther

**Hymn of Presentation:* VU 55 (vs.4)

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

**Prayer of Dedication:*

**As the Magi offered their gifts to the Christ child, so we offer these gifts:
of money, of hope, of faithfulness. May the light of your star always
guide us to your work. Amen.**

Prayer for Times of Change: At This Threshold

We are passing through a threshold that leads into a new way of being church. At this threshold we are not alone:

God is creating new paths and possibilities,
as we prepare for where we are going.

Christ is freeing us with newfound love and grace,
as we learn from where we have been.

The Spirit is revealing new dreams to guide us,
as we start our journey home on a new path.

At this entryway:

We take courage in the assurance that God goes with us;
we affirm our call to go where Christ leads; and
we trust the Spirit to guide us through the challenging space
between, where we have been, where we are, and where we are
going.

Surely, we are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

*Communion Hymn: VU 79 "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

The Communion Prayer (see insert)

Fraction and Distribution

**Sending Forth:*

As we pass over each new threshold,
let us give all thanks and glory to God,

whose power working in us

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church, and through the Spirit,
now and forever, Amen.

**Concluding Rite: VU 87 "I Am the Light of the World"*

Refrain: "I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!"

**If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

When the song of the angels is stilled,

when the star in the sky is gone,

when the kings and the shepherds

have found their way home,

the work of Christmas is begun: R

Postlude: Praise the Lord on High - Rachel Sawyer

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

Music: Arlene Gray and the Choir

Thank You to Ushers, Greeters, Elevator Monitors, Offertory Collectors and Refreshment Angels.

AV: Ted Shaw

PowerPoint: Carol Atkinson

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of the Mississauga People of the Anishnaabe Nation*

Announcements

UPCOMING SERVICES - 10:30 unless otherwise indicated

Mustard Seed Sunday Morning Prayer Group

- 9am Morrow Room. **All Welcome!**

Jan. 12 The Baptism of the Lord - Christian Harvey

Jan. 19 2nd after Epiphany

- Rev. Jessica Beecham-Stockton

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

Jan. 8 UCW Manse W 12:00 pm

Jan. 9 Lectionary & Eggs Ricky's 7:30 am

Thank You to everyone who made the Christmas Season great.

Welcome to the New Year and all the hidden surprises ahead.

