

St. John's Chapel
 United Church of Christ
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EPIPHANY January 9, 2011 Epiphany Sunday 10:30 A.M.

(Denotes when all who are able to please stand.)*

Gathering

Meditative Prelude

played by Kyle Aho

As we gather for worship we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection.

The theme of today's worship will focus on what it mean to rise and shine. You might want to read and reflect on Isaiah 60: 1-6.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

Or you may wish to light a candle at the Communion table to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is in your heart and mind. Or you may wish to reflect on this where you are on your faith journey, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Sarah Graham

Ringling of Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

Pastor: *Who are the wise among us?*

People: Those who follow the light of majesty in the heavens.

Pastor: And lo, the star which they had seen at its rising went before them, until it stopped at the place where the child was.

People: We too must follow the star. Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?

Pastor: For we observed his star at its rising,
People: **And have come to pay him homage.**

***Hymn of Celebration**

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

No. 202

***Invocation**

Pastor: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: **Faithful God, in throwing the light of Christ into the heavens, You arouse us to be bathed in the dazzling glory of new life. Your love has come into our midst, interrupting the restless wondering of our lives; for the light of Christ has pierced our darkness and drawn us into the wonder of Your ways.**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

All: **Giver of light, freedom, power and the rapture of being alive, our lives are marked by Your presence in the world. We have sought You and been bathed in Your glory. Yet, we confess that we continue to live as if we are citizens of Babylon. We have lived so long in a competitive, adversarial place, defined in terms of a foreign empire. We have received Jesus’ light but not lived as he taught. We try to go to You without real visions of peace in our hearts. Forgive us and bless us with Your wise, courageous, and loving nature. Amen.**

Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

During this time of inward reflection and repentance, you may want to use “Examen,” which simply means an examining of our lives in a prayerful way. It is different from a prayer of confession in that it reviews both the good and the bad of our lives. You pause to look back over your week, or as many days as you wish to examine, and notice where you have partnered with God. In other words, when were you trying to do it alone and when did you ask God to assist you? You can also remember the events, encounters or insights that felt like gifts from God and those that did not. Or remember the times in the day when you gave and received love, and when you did not give or receive love. Once your days are reviewed and examined, you may journal what you have uncovered, or simply imagine offering your insight up to God to let God love you just as you are.

***Words of Assurance**

***Gloria Patri**

("Glory Be to the Father" No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)

Anthem

"The Wonder of the Star"

Fettke

Reading of Holy Scripture

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

p. 976
p. 877

Sermon

"Shining"

The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Unison

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing in the midst of the
2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in -
3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,
to your ra - diance; by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us: Shine on me,
search me, try me, con-sume all my dark-ness: Shine on me,
mir-rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry: Shine on me,

shine on me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this

land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry. Blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our

hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the

na - tions with grace and mer - cy. Send forth your word, Lord, and

let there be light!

Last time

rit.

The image shows a musical score for the phrase "let there be light!". It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The phrase "let there be light!" is written below the treble staff. The score ends with a double bar line and the instruction "Last time" above the treble staff and "rit." below the bass staff.

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Choral Response

Offertory

Instrumental Interlude

played by Kyle Aho

***Doxology**

("Praise God" No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)

***Offering Prayer**

All: Loving God,
 may these gifts reveal to us and to others the Light that is Jesus.
 And may this Light lead us on into new and challenging ways of
 living and serving. Amen.

***Hymn**

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

No. 200

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "Song of Hope"

May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day. Fill-ing all our

lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus-tice speed us

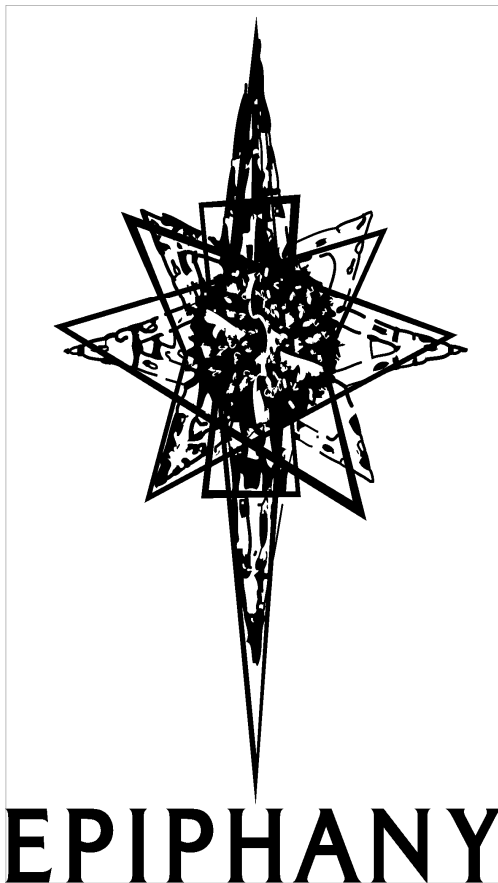
The image shows a musical score for the "Song of Hope" congregational response. It consists of two staves, both with treble clefs. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is written on the top staff, and the accompaniment is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first line of lyrics is "May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day. Fill-ing all our" and the second line is "lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus-tice speed us".



Postlude

“Instrumental Postlude”

played by Kyle Aho



**ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 16,
YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED AT~
THE CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL
MEETING**

*Immediately following Worship~
There will be no Carry In Dinner following per the
Vote taken at the July Semi-Annual Meeting~*

Deb Hall is on vacation January 10-14, and Jane Dunham has generously volunteered to cover the office next week, so send emails needing immediate attention to Pastor Becky **THANK YOU~**

You, whether a member or guest, are an important and valuable part of this St. John's Chapel Community. Your participation in this worship service is a blessing. May you always know God's gift of unending love.

A nursery is available during worship for children up through three years of age. If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an usher.

Hearing-assistance devices are available for use during worship. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher to get one for you.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

As we begin this new year, let us remember our friends, Flo Valentine and Virginia Shean, who are in assisted living and who so appreciate our cards and visits.

Family and Friends:

Phil Scafe: (son of John & Perdy) appreciates our prayers as he battles brain cancer.

Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Griggs & friend & colleague of Melissa Burnett) thanks the congregation for our continued prayers as she takes oral chemotherapy during remission of her breast cancer.

Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is in Magnolia Square, Room 228.

JANUARY Housekeeping Notes...I have some corrections for our January calendar. The various nominating committee meetings listed are incorrect (old calendar, old notes...sorry!). Senior and Retirees will be meeting on Wednesday, January 19th only (I somehow listed them on the 20th too). And please delete the Women's Guild from your calendar (listed Thursday, January 13). Note to self: the Women's Guild does not meet in January or August each year. And now you are up-to-date. Thanks, Deb.

The Friendship Circle

Will dine in style in January when they meet for dinner

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 at 5:30 pm

At Touch Restaurant on Republic Road...yummmmy!

You must call Louise Eggleston in advance to reserve your seat~
368-3831

It is important...to extend the caring of this church beyond our own four walls. Sign up to serve at The Kitchen in 2011. The new schedule and sign-up sheet are in the Narthex on "the wall", and please speak with Johna Steinhauer about any questions you have. Thank you for giving...and CARING.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, January 2, 2011

Worship: 69

Offering: \$2,906.00

Sunday School: 13

Offering: \$13.00

The average weekly offering needed to meet the 2011 budget is \$2,423.00



Sunday School — 9:15 AM
 Worship — 10:30 AM
 Pastor's Day Off — Friday

Secretary's Office Hours: 8:30 AM — 1:30 PM
 Monday-Friday

**This week's "special offering basket" in the Narthex is for~
 UNITED MINISTRY IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

January 9, 2011

Elaine Tebbenkamp will open the church in January

TODAY: Epiphany Sunday..... 10:30 am
 Bring Crosslines Food today

Monday: Documents are due for the Annual Meeting today
 Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
 Council..... 6:30 pm

Tuesday: Brotherhood 8:00 am
 Centering Prayer..... 12:00 n

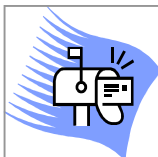
Wednesday: Bells Practice (please check time) 6:30 pm
 Choir Practice (please check time) 7:40 pm

Friday: Spiritual Development Course 6:00 pm

Sunday: Second Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 am
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
 Congregational Annual Meeting..... Following Worship
 Serve at The Kitchen 4:15 pm

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Mail Call...Remember to stop in the Narthex and check for any Christmas cards you might have missed. Or, if you see a friend's cards maybe you could make a delivery. Thank you everyone for helping to get our Narthex in order for this exciting new year.

Our Mission Statement

St. John's Chapel UCC is called to love unconditionally, seek justice, foster spiritual growth, and embrace diversity of thought and body as taught by Jesus Christ.