

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



*May all kings
fall down
before him,
all nations
serve him!*

PSALM 72:11, ESV

Court Street United Methodist Church

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10 A.M. Worship Service

January 3, 2021

Epiphany Sunday

OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS



WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

Ring of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for God's light has come,

***People:* And the glory of the Lord has risen among us.**

Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth,

***People:* And darkness surrounds the people.**

Leader: But God in Christ has risen in our midst,

***People:* And his glory appears over us.**

Leader: We come on this Epiphany Sunday, to see and feel the revelation of Christ.

***All:* We come carrying Christ within, so all will know and feel God's
compassion, God's justice, love, peace.**

Opening Hymn UMH #248

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-4

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn UMH #657

"This Is The Day"

Children's Message

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2129, vs. 1

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Attention is the Beginning of Devotion”
Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Barnhart

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness
“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
Arr. Hayes
Performed by Chancel Choir

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

THE SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Please partake of your own bread and grape drink
as Rev. Dr. Barnhart delivers The Great Thanksgiving.

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #223

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

Benediction

Go into the world as a witness to God’s love given as a helpless baby in a cattle stall.

Choral Response

“Our Last Amen”

Keveren

Postlude

