

EPIPHANY

CHRIST OUR LIGHT



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 15, 2023
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude *"Sicilienne"* J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 300 *"The First Noel"*

*Greeting

*Canticle of Praise p. 167

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem *"This We Pray"* J. Althouse

Word

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 40 (see page 4) (sung responsively by full verse)

Second Reading Romans 15:8-13

*Gospel Acclamation p. 171

*Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-17

Homily

*Hymn 314 *"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"*

*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer.**

*Peace

Meal

Offering

*Canticle of Thanksgiving p. 219

*Thanksgiving for the Word p. 220

Lord's Prayer ("Our Father, who art in heaven..."*) p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 665

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Little Prelude & Fugue in E minor”

attr. J.S. Bach

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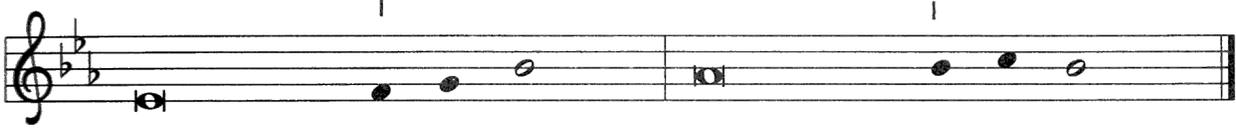
The light of Christ shines upon us during this season of Epiphany. Jesus travels to bring the Gospel to the Gentiles a sign of radical inclusion. The Gospel is available to all without regard to nationality, ethnicity, culture, or gender.

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

Psalm 40:1-11

Tone 4



¹I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,
who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!
In your plans for us, none can be com- | pared with you!
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
But they are more than | I can count.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;
you have opened my ears:
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required.

⁷And so I said, "Here I | am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

⁸"I love to do your will, | O my God;
your law is | deep within me.'"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O | LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love
and truth from the | great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Gwenanne Jorgenson

Choral Scholar: Laura Moolenbeek

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

Building Monitor: Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Bruce, John, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice, John and Nancy.

General Announcements

Join us after worship for a fellowship time conversation with the Rev'd Dr. Allen Jorgenson and Dr. Laura MacGregor from Martin Luther University College about their research on how the church supports parents raising children with disabilities.

Update: West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the current demolition, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023: Joint Service with UNA Church at 10 a.m. For this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we'll be holding a

Service of the Word jointly with our siblings in Christ from UNA Church. Please note the later service start time. It's been a few years since we last held a joint service, most recently with Trinity United Church. These service are always a wonderful way to explore our various gifts, discover what is in common, and try something a little out of the ordinary in the spirit of ecumenism.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be again be presented to the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex, without handshakes.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**



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