

Welcome to Worship

**First United Methodist Church
Making Disciples for Jesus Christ and the
Transformation of the World**

**Epiphany of the Lord Sunday
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Traditional Worship

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship (*Congregation Bold*)

We meet to worship God and to remember, tell, and show God's love.

Like a bright star in the night, the life of Christ lights up the whole world.

The star of hope shines on, no darkness will overcome it.

The light of Christ shows us who we are and what we can be, where we have been and where we should go. Let us walk in the light and give thanks to God. Amen.

*Hymn of Celebration

*The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

*Gloria Patri

UMH 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Children's Time

Chris Ann Stroeck

Prayer of Illumination (*Congregation Bold*)

Jesus, the world's true light: in your ministry on earth you read from the Scriptures in the synagogue and taught the people the meaning of what they heard. After your resurrection you opened the Scriptures to those who walked on the Emmaus road with you. So now, enlighten us also, and give us grace to do your will by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 2: 1-12

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Rev. Greg Smith

Invitation to Communion, Confession and Pardon

(Congregation Bold)

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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ALL: Glory to God. Amen.

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Holy God and Parent of us all: we have moved through this season of family and Christmas joy, and we are reminded that beyond our earthly families, you have adopted us into your redeemed family. Through the saving, redeeming work of the Incarnation, we have become heirs, and our redemption is the magnificent gift of salvation. We give our gifts, but we give ourselves as the only fitting response to your adoption of us, your rebellious children. Lead us in your way into this new year. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

(Undesignated \$1 bills go to support Dollars for Missions.)

***Doxology**

UMH 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving for Epiphany (With Pastoral Additions; Congregation Bold)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.
You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.
You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born;
and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world,
you have led your people from far places to his light.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN GOES HERE

The bread and juice are given to the worshipers who are in the Sanctuary. It is during this time that anyone worshiping remotely should partake of bread and juice. For those worshiping remotely, if you are in the company of another, serve one another the elements with these words being exchanged:

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Invitation to Church Membership and Christian Discipleship**

***Hymn of Commitment**

***Benediction**

Postlude *You're invited to sit and enjoy the postlude.*