



Worship Service for
Second Sunday of Epiphany
January 15, 2023

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a welcome card (found in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket. We look forward to connecting with you. Also, please join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!

Jesus Welcomes Us

Prelude: “We Three Kings”

arr. Wolaver & Berry

*Call to Worship

We worship you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! You have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! Desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his
glory! Amen and Amen!**

Based on Psalm 72

***Hymn of Praise:** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

LUYH 109 vs. 1,3,4

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting**

***Song of Worship:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

SNC 128

Jesus Forgives Sinners

Call to Confession

Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sin
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him:
have mercy on you
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song of Assurance: "Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

LUYH 708

Jesus Blesses Children

Prayer of Blessing for Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: We pray that they may love all that is true, and pure, and lovely, and of good report, following the example of their Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children Leave for Walkout Worship

(Children 5 through 2nd grade are welcome to join us for Walk Out Worship.
The teacher will be waiting in the back of the church).

Jesus Speaks God's Word

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:1-5

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: The Magi and Herod

We Respond to Jesus in Faith

Prayer

*Hymn of Response: "We Three Kings"

CH 288

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth, As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering: Friendship Club

Offertory: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

arr. Wolaver

Jesus Invites Us to Eat and Drink at His Table

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

**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.**

On the same night that he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving. The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Giving of Communion

"As Your Family, Lord"

SNC 246

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LUYH 730

"In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified"

LUYH 861

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Jesus Sends Us into the World

***Sending Song:** “As With Gladness Men of Old”

LUYH 105, vs. 1, 4

***Benediction**

Postlude: Joy Has Dawned

arr. Wagner

Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Participants:
 - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
 - Julie Hordyk, Pianist
 - Curt DeJongh, Amy Goorman, Vocalists
 - Karen Katje, Flutist
 - Rev. David Zuidema, Prayers of the People/Scripture Reading

We display all music and congregational readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) and SNC (green) are located in the pew rack; CH (brown) is located under the seat. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex. OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#775073.

Prayer Requests, Praises, Thank You's:

Justin Michele, grandson of **Harley & Maryann Dyk**, was recently diagnosed with a rare melanoma in his fingernail bed. During the next appointment it was decided that they will need to remove the tip of Justin's finger, to the first knuckle to be able to remove all of the cancer. They will do this surgery back-to-back with the lymph node biopsy sometime in late Jan. The prayer is that it has not spread past the dermis layer of skin. Please pray for Justin and his family.

From Jane and Victor Nienhuis: Thank you for all the Christmas cards! We enjoyed reading each one. Thank you to the group who came to sing carols with us. And thank you to friends who came to visit and bring us goodies. We appreciate it all and want to give each one of you our thanks.

Announcements:

Encounters with Jesus: Pastor Tim will host the Afterword following the worship service. If you are interested in discovering more, sharing about your experiences in encountering Jesus, or asking questions, this is a great opportunity for further engagement. Also, “Encounters” will meet every Wednesday at 7PM in the Adult Enrichment room in the basement. Pastor Tim

invites anyone interested in coming together to read about the upcoming story of Jesus' parents in Luke 2:41-52 and spend some time in conversation and prayer. Hope to see you there!

Tool Time Men's Bible Study Dates: January 21; February 4 and 18; March 4. Time: 7:30 am. Location: North Hall. We will continue our discussion of the book "The Mulligan" by Wally Armstrong and Ken Blanchard. Coffee and donuts are provided.

Women's Bible Hour will meet for the four Thursdays in February at 1:30 pm in the parlor. We will be doing the last four lessons of our study of the Parables of Jesus. If you would like to join us and need the study materials call Char at 616-842-0848.

Looking Ahead: **Church Book Club** will meet on Monday, February 13 at 1:30pm in the church parlor. The book to be discussed will be *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Facilitated discussion led by Agnes Fisher. This meeting is open to anyone interested in reading and sharing. Any questions or for more details feel free to email lone.lloydh@gmail.com or call lone 616-502-8477.

SWANS (Single Women Aging Nicely) are invited to our January Meeting on Wednesday, the 25th at 2 pm to play Bunco and fellowship together. Meeting will be in the North Hall at church. Plan to attend and if any questions please feel free to email lone.lloydh@gmail.com or call lone 616-502-8477. Newbie to Bunco? We all are, but Barb Hammond will teach us.

January Series: Escape the winter doldrums and join us in the North Hall each weekday for the rest of the month from 12:30 to 1:30. The speakers this week are: Monday: Greg Thompson, *In Celebration of MLK Day*; Tuesday: Kaia Kater, *Song Selections*; Wednesday: Noah Toly, *Learning Together*, *Living Together: What the World Needs from Christian Liberal Arts Education*; Thursday: Kerri Arsenault, *Family and Environmental Legacies*; Friday: Moogega Cooper, *Diversity in STEAM from Real-Life Guardian of the Galaxy*. If you are unable to join us in person, you can watch and listen to each presentation on your own device.

Leadership Board Update: Working from Pastor Tim's observations on his first quarter of service that he shared with Full Council, the Leadership Board prioritized Next Generation Ministries (ages 0-10 and 11-18), Pastoral Care, Leadership (nominations and staffing) and Worship Coordination as the highest priority initiatives to be strategically planned and implemented by Full Council. That effort will begin at our next Full Council meeting on January 17.

Volunteer Schedule

January 15

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

Ushers: Ken Terpstra (Team 3), Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Tom Bierma

Coffee Hosts: Todd and Amy Cunningham, Gord and Mary Buitendorp

Nursery: Ruth Marotti, Gabe Schaaf

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Yasmin Vanderheide

Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma, Claire Clapp

Greeters: Jim and Sheila Warners, Garry Vanden Berg

Offering: Friendship Club

January 22

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Rick Geertsma (Team 4), Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyne

Coffee Hosts: Ron and Carol Brouwer, Stan and Gilda Boelkins

Nursery: Sam Farrar, Zuidemas

Little Lambs: Chris Farrar, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out Worship: Joslyn Wagenmaker, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Dave and Barb Weesies, Amy Goorman

Offering: Faith Promise-Naji Umran and Anne Zaki-World Missions

Calendar

Sunday, January 15

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Afterword

Monday, January 16

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

12:30-1:30 pm—January Series

1:30pm—Ping Pong

Tuesday, January 17

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

12:30-1:30 pm—January Series

Wednesday, January 18

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

12:30-1:30 pm—January Series

1:30 pm—Knitter's Club

7 pm—Encounters, led by Tim

Thursday, January 19

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

12:30-1:30 pm—January Series

5:30-7:30pm—Love in Action

Friday, January 20

12:30-1:30 pm—January Series

Saturday, January 21

7:30 am—Tool Time Bible Study

Sunday, January 22

10:00 am—Church Service

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