

11:00 a.m.

Epiphany

January 6, 2019

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 63 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

DIX

*Expressing Our Joy Reece H. Smith

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

People: Praise God from the ends of the earth!

Leader: For God reassures us: "I am the Lord your God, your Savior. You are precious in my eyes."

People: Let us sing to the Lord a new song and declare God's praise!

Leader: May the Lord be with you. (Is. 42, 43 adapted)

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Merciful God, we give you thanks, for you created us to live together in love and freedom with you, with one another, and with the world. You made us in your image and endowed us with gifts of reason, imagination, and will. We have been created in order that your goodness might be reflected in our lives, but we have fallen short of your glory. Though we live with neighbors, we have ceased to live for them. Though we live with you, we have ceased to live for you. Our hearts have been, too often, set on ourselves and not on you or others. Lord, have mercy on us and forgive our selfish ways.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

A Moment with the Children

(Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may leave the sanctuary for a period of supervised activity.)

*Hymn 521 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

FINEST WHEAT

Zechariah 7:8-14 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 831 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem *Jesus, the Light of the World*

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

I John 1:1-4 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 224 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation *Respectful Kindness*

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*The Apostles' Creed (page 14, *Traditional*) and **Gloria Patri**

The Bringing of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

(During the offertory please sign the fellowship pad as it is passed and return it to the center aisle in order that members may know visitors and greet them following the worship service.)

*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, *Sanctus*, *The 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.

The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*. Please hold the bread and the cup until all are served. The wafers in the baskets are gluten-free.)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 440 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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*Benediction and Choral Benediction **Amen**

*Go Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.