

Order of Worship

January 5, 2020 "EPIPHANY" 10:00am

****Please stand if able*

MORNING MEDITATION: " Looking into the spirit of others is sometimes like looking into a pond. Though we aim to see what's deep in the bottom, we are often distracted by our own reflection." Katrina Ferguson

PRELUDE

Stephen Monska

OPENING WORDS

Dot Lambert

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Darkness is not limited to night skies; darkness invades our spirits and our souls.

People: In darkness of doubt and despair we have lived, until we witnessed the birth of the Savior.

Leader: Now the light has truly come to us!

People: Darkness has been banished away!

Leader: Arise! Shine! For the Light of God's love has come!

People: And we shall be led to that Light

*****OPENING HYMN "We Three Kings"**

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INVOCATION

Dot Lambert

Leader: Arise; Shine, for your light has come!

People: We are called out of our darkness into light.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

People: We rejoice in the gift of light.

Leader: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

ALL: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Joe DeGrande

Dear Lord, we humbly confess our struggle to focus on the birth of our Savior as the true meaning of the season. It is so easy to get distracted with plans, gifts, and decorations, we wind-up honoring the material things rather than giving glory to you. In acknowledging our weakness, we humbly ask for your strength and guidance in finding the light of the world born in Bethlehem and being transformed from darkness into light.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As certain as the dawn follows the night, so is the promise of God's forgiveness and love for us all. Arise and Shine. Follow the star. In Christ's name, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PSALTER READING: Psalm 72 (Red Hymnal pgs. 795-796)

Dot Lambert

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayers, Silent Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Joe DeGrande

*****Response "Glory Be to the Father"**

SCRIPTURE READING: First Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

Dot Lambert

(Chair Bible New Testament pg. 193)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: "There's A Song in the Air"**

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SCRIPTURE READING: Second Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

Joe DeGrande

(Chair Bible New Testament pg. 2)

SERMON: 'The Gift of the Magi'

Joe DeGrande

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

(Red Hymnal pgs. 15-16)

We celebrate an open Communion Table - All are welcome at the Lord's Table!

MINISTRY OF GIVING:

*****Doxology:** *'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!'*

Prayer of Dedication

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

(Red Hymnal pgs. 15-16)

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*****PARTING HYMN: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"**

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(please be seated after singing of this hymn)

BENEDICTION

Leader: The Light of the Star, the light of God's love, shines before you as you leave this place. Go in peace, go in joy, go in love to meet God's people in the world and greet them with the good news of salvation. **ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen**

POSTLUDE

Stephen Monska

The Altar flowers this morning are given by Art and Judy Cooper in honor of Great Granddaughter 'Rylee'.

Attendance for Sunday, December 29th was Adults 28 Children 0

Church Happenings for week of January 5th

Sunday, January 5th (Epiphany) Morning Worship / Communion	10am
Monday, January 6th - Office Hours	9am - Noon
Wednesday, January 8th - Office Hours	9am - 1pm
Wednesday, January 8th - Missions Mtg. (Library)	10am
Thursday, January 9th - Finance/Trustees (Church Office)	6:30pm

Church Happenings for week of January 12th

Sunday, January 12th - Morning Worship	10am
Sunday, January 12th - Living Nativity Mtg. (Library following worship)	11am
Monday, January 13th - Office Hours	9am - Noon
Wednesday, January 15th - Office Hours	9am - 1pm
Wednesday, January 15th - Mutual Ministry (Library)	10am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION - Pastor David will be on vacation January 1st returning to the office on January 15th. During this vacation time he will be touring the 'Holy Land'. If anyone needs Pastoral Assistance, please contact Joe DeGrande (1413-237-6823)

TABLE OF OPPORTUNITY - Please take your copy of the first 2020 CUMC Newsletter and also your Annual Giving Envelope Box if you haven't already. The Upper Room Booklets are also available for January and February.

LIVING NATIVITY - Luncheon Meeting following church on January 12th. We want to here your thoughts about 2019 presentation and suggestions for 2020. Please plan to stay and let us know your thoughts and suggestions.

WORSHIP FLOWERS - The 2020 Flower chart is on the bulletin board as you enter the Library. Please feel free to sign up and be sure you pay Pam.

Thank you Stephen Monska for substituting as organist this morning.

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

Sunday, January 5, 2020
Worship Service 10:00am
"EPIPHANY"



Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor
Nadine Shank, Organist

*"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill
God's will through Spiritual Growth, Education, Worship and Fellowship.
We express our faith through others."*

We welcome all to join us in this journey.