

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



The Adoration of the Magi by Quentin Metsys (Netherlandish, Leuven 1466–1530 Kiel)

January 5, 2020 | Worship 10 am Epiphany of the Lord

"Epiphany" comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation or appearance." In church history this word is closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. Let us celebrate this period as an "Epiphany season," from Christmas onward, as we grow in awareness of the significance of Jesus' birth for our whole lives.

First Time Here? Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Tip for the Service

*Asterisk means please stand if able.

The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation. Please sign the red friendship pad in the pews and pass it.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Childcare and Sunday School are provided during the service.

Questions on where to go?Please ask the Ushers by the doors.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE O Jesu so Meek, O Jesu so Kind

Cologne, 1623

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the red friendship pad.)

Photo Sign Ups – Bill Morgan

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

25 cents a day/ Hunger Task Force

INTROIT

O, Thou by a Star Didst Guide

Arthur Coffman

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: This year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

All: The Star of Hope.

One: The Star of Peace.

All: The Star of Joy.

One: The Star of Love.

All: The Star that leads us to Christ our Lord. Let us worship God!

*HYMN #151

We Three Kings

by John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1857

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious Jesus, we praise you for your loving, life-giving presence in our world and in our lives. We thank you for all of the gracious gifts you have given us in order to bless all people. Forgive us for all the ways we hold onto more stuff than we need and hold ourselves back from giving. Forgive us for all the hurts and grudges we don't let go of and for the anger that eats us up inside and won't let us go. Forgive us for all the words that we have spoken that we wish we could take back and the pain and suffering of those we injure. For all the ways we've lived out of brokenness instead of blessedness and the shame that keeps us trapped in brokenness instead of blessedness. Forgive us and give us the grace to forgive others and ourselves. Amen.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

One: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, abounding in steadfast love.

<u>All:</u> For as a Parent has compassion on their children, so the Lord, our Abba, has compassion on us.

<u>One:</u> Jesus, we praise you for your love! There is nothing that can ever separate us from the love of God in our Lord Jesus Christ, who forgives us all our sins.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY The Lord is my Shepherd
*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thomas Koschat

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Change my Heart O God! (to the tune of Hymn #695)

Change my heart O God, make it ever true, Change my heart O God,
May I be like you! You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray!

Change my heart O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart O God. May I be like you!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6

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

ANTHEM Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child Spiritual arr. Lloyd Larson

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew: 2.1-12

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! Thanks be to God!

SERMON Gift Yourself to Jesus

Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: May our God of Christmas be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Put your trust in the one who has come.

All: We offer our hearts willingly to our God.

One: Join all creation in praising God.

All: We join in the chorus of glad songs to God.

<u>One</u>: In that not so silent moment, you spoke to creation, God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. For us, those shaped in your image, where our hopes and dreams for life take root, we put our trust and faith in you O Lord. Prophets came to praise your name, and to bring us back to you. Then you sent us Jesus, Pioneer of salvation, to proclaim your name to us. With those who are shy and silent, with those who persist in glorifying you, we offer our thanksgiving.

<u>All:</u> Holy, holy are you, ever-loving, ever-present God. All creation praises your name. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who puts their trust and faith in you. Hosanna in the highest!

<u>One:</u> In the silence of the night, your holiness became human, our God, and you blessed us with Jesus, Child of grace. When he could have stayed with

you, he came to offer us help. When he could have stayed in Nazareth, he got up to bring us the good news. When he could have played it safe, he shared his flesh and blood on the cross, so that we might have life through his resurrection. As we celebrate the gift of Jesus' life, as we remember his death and rising to new life, we proclaim that mystery called faith:

<u>All:</u> Christ died, putting his trust in you; Christ rose, taking on the resurrection, Christ will come again, to carry us home to you.

<u>One:</u> In these moments of silence and sacrament, send your Spirit upon all of those gathered here in this place, and on the gifts of the Bread and Cup. As we eat of the bread, send us out to serve, the hungry and the homeless, the lost and forgotten, the broken and battered, all whose hopes for life have disappeared. As we drink from the cup may we see the lonely and forsaken, the hurting and ridiculed, the oppressed and imprisoned, all whose dreams have become nightmares.

<u>All:</u> And when we are gathered to your side, we will proclaim your glory to our brothers and sisters everywhere. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

HYMN # 527 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup Sing as the elements are passed. (Please hold the bread until all are served so we may eat together as a church family (all the bread is gluten free.). All of the cups are filled with grape juice. You may drink the cup when it is passed symbolizing your individual relationship with our loving God.)

COMMUNION PRAYER

<u>One</u>: We thank you, O God, that through your Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who quenches our thirst with living water and who satisfies our hunger as the true bread of heaven. So, strengthen us in your service that in our daily living we may show our thanks and praise for all the many blessings you so generously provide.

<u>All:</u> Help us start again in this New Year with fresh motivation and enlightenment to follow your will and your ways in all that we do and say.

Give us your grace and hope as we give of ourselves on behalf of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying (The Lord's Prayer). Amen

*HYMN #152 What Star is this That Beams so Bright? Trier ms., 15th cent.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Psalm XIX

Benedettes Marcello, arr. Dubois

Thank you! To Our Three Kings, Bill Morgan, Jim Taylor, and Norm Smith

NOTICE: A Congregational meeting will be held after worship on Jan. 14th for the sole purpose of electing one more church officer to serve in 2020.

The meeting will take about ten minutes.

POINSETTIAS: If you donated Poinsettias, you can pick them up today!

HELP: The Worship Committee invites you to stay after worship today and help us take down the décor at 11:00 am. Thank you!



The Church of the Roses prays you will have a blessed New Year!

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Susan Jenkins, Rosebud Preschool Director
Gia Telles, Custodian

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PRAYER REQUESTS: Please include in your prayers

- ❖ The family of Sue Thomas, as they mourn her passing on October 27, 2019.
- ❖ The family of Laurie Thomas, as they mourn the passing of her son, Eric, on November 11, 2019.
- ❖ The family of Ray Foreaker, as they mourn his passing this November.
- ❖ The family of Craig Hays, as they mourn his passing on Dec. 10, 2019.

Those with health issues

Deborah Baker Janice Holmes Debbie Seat John Baker Marilyn Hilen **Bob Simmons** Bill Beaumont Sarah Hilen Phil Sitzman **Bob Bunting** Janice Holmes Susan Smith Patrick Butler Emily Keyser (Steve Jim Taylor Sr. Yeager's daughter) Peggy Call **Bob Weber** Vivian Mazeski Doreen Cowden Helen Wikle Jessica Morse Wes Cox Betty Witchey-Ryer Dick Draper Jeanette Nichols **Avery Yudice** Barbara Flannery Carolyn Kenworthy

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

Are you good at discerning sound and moving levers up and down?

If so, we have the job for you! Our Media Team could really use some help on the Sound Board.

Try it under no obligation! If you think it's something you could help with once a month, let us know!

Wander over to the sound board situated at the back of the church next to the projection station and ask Phil Goede or Hal Sneath for more information!

January 5th - Sunday

8:00 AM Korean Worship 9:00 AM Learn Ukulele

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Sign Ups for Lifetouch Photo Directory

11:15 AM Plan Sacred Space 3:00 PM Sonoma Dev Ctr Worship 6:00 PM CoDA

January 6th - Monday

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 9:30 AM Adult Social Club 7:00 PM Boy Scouts #135

January 7th - *Tuesday*

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM Buildings & Grounds 10:00 AM PW Coord. Mtg 11:30 AM Health Ministry 12:30 PM Fellowship Com. 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry

January 8th - Wednesday

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 9:30 AM Adult Social Club 11:15 AM Pre-k Bowen 6:30 PM 4H 7:00 PM Women's Al-Anon

January 9th - Thursday

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 10:15 AM Exploring God Idea RR

11:00 AM Tai Chi

12:00 PM COM RR

12:00 PM CPM - Adult Ed

12:00 PM Noon Prayer

6:10 PM Bells Practice

7:00 PM A.A.

7:00 PM Girl Scouts

7:15 PM Choir Practice

January 10th - *Friday*

7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 7:00 PM Gamblers Anon. 7:00 PM Korean Youth

January 11th - Saturday

6:30 AM Korean Prayer

January 12th - Sunday

8:00 AM Korean Worship 9:00 AM Learn Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship

3:00 PM Sonoma Dev Ctr Worship

6:00 PM CoDA



Join us in Bowen Hall for a New Year Potluck and Planning Meeting. Help us formulate the 2020 activity calendar. Bring a food item or beverage to share.

Questions: Eleanor at (707)694-8291