

Epiphany of the Lord – Color White

January 6, 2019

L: Leader Reads C: Congregation Reads

Welcome! *Thank you for joining us this day as we celebrate our relationship with God and each other through this time of worship. Please take a moment and fill out the pew pad with your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. Again, thank you for allowing us to share in this time of praise and celebration with you.*

Prelude

Christ's Light Enters our Worship Time & Space

Introit

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Bind Us Together

Bind Us Together

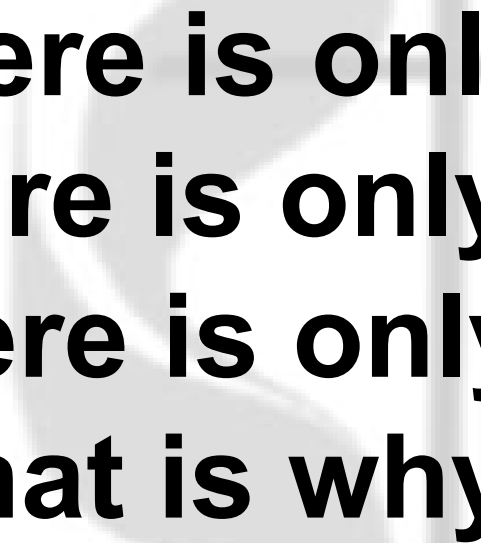
WORDS: Bob Gillman (Col. 3:14)

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**Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords
that cannot be broken.**

**Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in love.**

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**There is only one God,
there is only one King;
There is only one body,
that is why we sing.**

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Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

L: The darkness is gone.

C: Rejoice in the light of Jesus Christ!

L: Follow the star!

C: The light of Christ shines brightly.

L: Bring your gifts!

C: Jesus Christ, the Child, the gift of light and love, is born into our lives.

What Child Is This

Prayers of the People

C: God of mystery, in the darkness of our world your light shines with grace, truth and love. Open the eyes of the hearts of your children to the glory of your love. Speak your word of truth and joy. May the mystery revealed in Jesus

Christ draw us closer to you! May the wonder of your love fill us with wisdom and peace! As we rejoice in your presence, teach us to seek justice and righteousness. Gracious God, fill our hearts to overflowing with your gifts of joy, hope, grace, and love. Help us to sing out in glory to God for these gifts, as we go into the world to share them with all in need. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Sharing Peace, Joys and Concerns

The congregation is invited to lift up prayers of joy and concern. Following each petition we will respond:

L: God of Love...

C: We lift our prayer to you.

Moments of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebration of our Gifts from God

*** Doxology**

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*** Prayer**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Young Disciples

* Hymn of Preparation

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We Three Kings

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Coming of the Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

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2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. ² They asked, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We’ve seen his star in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.”

³ When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. ⁴ He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born.

⁵ They said, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

⁶ *You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,*

by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,

because from you will come one who governs,

who will shepherd my people Israel.”^[a]

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem,

saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.” ⁹ When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. ¹¹ They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with

gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

L: The Word of God, for the people of God

C: Thanks be to God.

Shared Thoughts

Pastor Bill

Searching Why?

Communion

(On-screen or page 7 in the hymnal)

(We all come to the Lord's Table as one body. The Emmanuel Family would like to welcome all of God's children who believe in Jesus Christ to the table. We recognize that some have need for gluten-free communion. Please let the servers know and we will be happy to assist you. In the name of Jesus Christ, as we share this meal we are all one body.)

Service of Word and Table I

United Methodist Hymnal

Invitation

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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.

Confession and Pardon

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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.

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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Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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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, creator of heaven and 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 the 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. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. 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. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

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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 Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

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Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of this one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

We are all invited to come to the Lord's table which has been prepared for each of us. Come as you are come and receive the bread of life and the cup of the new covenant. In whatever way you receive, gluten free or common cup, come as one body of Christ and be refreshed and renewed to go out and serve the Lord, sharing the light and love of Jesus Christ with all God's children.

Prayer

*** Hymn of Commitment**

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Sing We Now of Christmas

*** Benediction and Blessing**

*** Postlude**