



Sunset United Church



January 5, 2020 – Epiphany Sunday

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WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**Opening Hymn: MV#115 Behold, Behold, I Make All
Things New**

*Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.*

Christ Candle

The light of understanding,

The light of compassion,

The light of community are all

Represented by the light that shines out

From this candle.

Let that light illumine our lives, our worship,

And our way forward,

As we gather as God's people.

Call to Worship

We gather:

A community of faith in God's subversive world.

We gather to celebrate

That no darkness can extinguish light,

To remember

That love will always be more powerful than death,

And to trust that

Peace will always be stronger than violence.

We gather,

People of faith in the light of God's world.

Opening Prayer:

A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

Holy Mystery, call us so that we may hear your voice.

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

Holy Mystery keep us in your ways and on your path

We enter this new year with hope and excitement

Holy Mystery remind us that you join us as we

Start this new year together.

Holy Mystery, be with us as we worship together

today and always.

Hymn: VU#91 The First Nowell (v.1 to 5)

- 1. The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they
lay;
in fields where they lay akeeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.***

2. They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.***

3. *And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.*

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.***

4. *This star drew nigh to the northwest;
Over Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.*

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.***

5. *Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.*

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.***

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

Loving God, we are created in your image,
Yet too often in this world,
We do not reflect your light.
Instead of being beacons in the night,
Sometimes we are in danger of snuffing out
What light is left.
Loving God, free us from the shadows
That lie in our hearts,
So we will reveal to the world
The light that is your love
And together renew this world.

- Silent reflection -

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: MV#97 Listen, God is Calling

*Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.*

Passing the Peace

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU#87 I am the Light of the World

*“I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!”
If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery*

Of what you were meant to do and be.

- 1. When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found
their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun:***

***“I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!”
If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.***

- 2. To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and
good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above!***

***“I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!”
If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.***

- 3. To free the prisoner from all chains,
To make the powerful care,
To rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
To see God’s children everywhere!***

***“I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!”***

***If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.***

***4. To bring hope to every task you do,
To dance at a baby's new birth,
To make music in an old person's heart,
And sing to the colours of the earth!***

***"I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.***

WE LISTEN

**Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1-6
Matthew 2: 1-12**

Reflection

Hymn: VU#79 Arise, Your Light has Come

***1. Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.***

***2. Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty,
Good tidings to the poor.***

3. Arise, your light is come!
*All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.*

4. Arise, your light is come!
*The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.*

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: VU#55 In the Bleak Midwinter (v.4)

*What can I give him, poor as I am
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him- give my heart.*

Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymn: VU#96 Will You Come and See the Light

1. Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
*It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
It will show you who you are;
Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?*

2. *Will you step into the light that can free the slave?
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.
By the pyramids of greed
There's a longing to be freed:
Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?*

3. *Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised,
And the innocent abused,
Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?*

4. *Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes,
Of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest and the least
Are the foremost at the feast,
Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?*

5. *Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
And the darkness all about
Is too dim to put it out:
Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Announcements for January 5, 2020

Broadview Renewal (previously the Observer)

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Sunset Ladies Fellowship Meeting in January

Sunset Ladies Fellowship meet January 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the Church. Program is Exercise and Balance. The program is first, followed by our meeting. We welcome all women of our congregation. For further information contact Judy Fawell at 306-584-9498.