

Centenary United Methodist Church



Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

January 3, 2021

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Celebrating the Gift of Christ's Resurrection in Centenary United Methodist Church

Worship Leader: Rev. Heidi Chamberlain ~ Music Director: Janet Tucker

*Please stand, whether in body or in spirit



WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

PRELUDE

As we gather, take time for quiet contemplation and prayer

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O God, You made of one blood all nations,
and, by a star in the East,
revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel.

P: **Enable us who know your presence with us
so to proclaim his unsearchable riches
that all may come to his light
and bow before the brightness of his rising,**

L: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

All: **AMEN**

OPENING PRAYER

All: **Holy God, you have hung a star in the night sky and have illuminated our way. Oh, if we would only look heavenward and seek you in this world! Clothe us with hope, faith and trust for our journey. Open our eyes to find Jesus in our world, in our days, in our midst. Help us to brush off the dust that often falls upon us. Assure us, please assure us that in the giving of ourselves we have given a perfect gift, made perfect by your Son.**
AMEN

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

//INAUGURATING RIGHTEOUSNESS//

A prayer from Psalm 72

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L: God of Promise and mysterious Light, be with us this day as we journey in our faith; to meet your Gift. Give us courage and hope along our way, as your light will continue to glow brightly in our path, leading us to service and discipleship in Jesus' Name. **AMEN**

GOD'S WORD – THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1-6

GOD'S WORD – THE NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 3:1-12

***GOD'S WORD – THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 2:1-12

THE MESSAGE

“The Making of Magi”

Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What Child Is This / Child of the Poor”

Performed by **The Hound + The Fox**

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OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During this time of social distancing, we are mindful that the work of the church continues. As such, we ask for your continued stewardship.

If you are unable to attend “in-person” worship, please mail your tithes and offerings:

Malone: Centenary UMC

345 W. Main Street Malone, NY 12953

THE DOXOLOGY

Responding to God's invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Lord God, heavenly King, we offer these our gifts as a sign of love, devotion, and praise. Through these, as through our praises, we acknowledge that you are our Lord. In your name we pray. AMEN

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: Go into God's world, bearing the light of hope and peace.
Bring the Good News of the love of God through Jesus Christ to all the people. Go in peace. **AMEN**

POSTLUDE

Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

MINDFULNESS – Rev. Thom Shuman © 2018

while we can
slip into a second coat
on such bitter days,
remind us
of those who must find
another newspaper
to be their insulation;
as we press the remote
to self-start our car
to warm it up,
remind us
of the folks who stand

on unsheltered corners
hoping the bus will be early;
when we can make
the ‘wise’ decision to work
from home and be safe,
remind us
of our neighbors with no choice
but to find a way to get
to their low-paying job.
make us more grateful,
dear God, but
please make us more mindful.

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Rev. Mark J. Webb, Resident Bishop – Lay Leader: *Dan Moore Snyder*
Rev. Mike Weeden, District Superintendent – Choir Director & Organist: *Janet Tucker*
Rev. Heidi R. Chamberlain, Pastor – Lay Delegate to Annual Conference:
Beth Mosher

Next Sunday January 10, 2021

Liturgical Color: White – Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Greeter(s): All of the Congregation!

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