

Together, we can
create the future
we want to see.

An epiphany is described as a new insight or “an intuitive grasp of reality through something (as an event) usually simple and striking an illuminating discovery”. Today is Epiphany! Today is a day of celebration for many Christian religions because it is the time that Jesus was revealed or shown to the world.



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WELCOME to Shadow Rock United Church of Christ! We do our best to live out our core values of inclusion, justice and spirituality. We are glad you are here and we hope we can be partners in your journey.

Prelude

We Three Kings

Welcome and Announcements

Strengthening Connection

Coming Together

Bill Peterson



One: The Magi came from many places to see the baby Jesus.

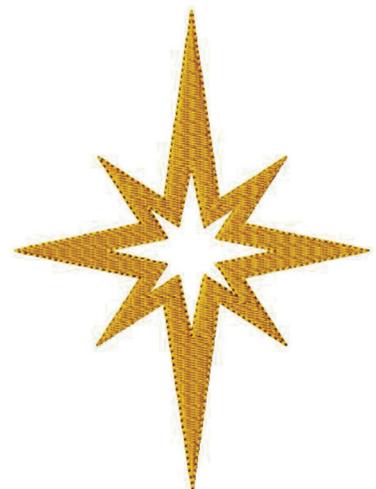
All: We, too, have come from many places to worship together and see the Holy Spirit in one another.

One: The Magi brought gifts to offer the Child.

All: We, too, bring gifts—ourselves, our hopes, our dreams, the visions we see.

One: The Magi travelled to Bethlehem and saw a great light.

All: We, too, travel to Bethlehem and then return to our homes, moved by what we have seen. Arise, shine; for our light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon the world.



Singing Our Faith

Arise and Shine!

1. Arise, shine for your light has come!
And the glory of our God has risen upon you like the sun!
Lift your eyes,
Look around,
Rejoice! Lift your eyes, Look around, Rejoice!
2. Arise, shine let the light of love shine through!
And the world will see the brightness of the new day in you!
Lift your eyes,
Look around,
Rejoice! Lift your eyes, Look around, Rejoice!

Gathering Prayer

Bill Peterson

Guiding God, bless us on the road we have chosen to seek your star. Light our paths that we may not walk in darkness, but walk with you, the light of the world. Enable us to bring gifts worthy of the Christ child. Teach us to be wise and to risk sharing our unique visions for the world. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: In this day made fresh may we embrace this day in hope.

All: **Let us embrace each other in peace.**

Invitation to Share the Table of the Wild God

Rev. Ken Heintzelman and Dave Robinson

Communion Instructions

Please come forward because all are welcome. Gluten-free bread is offered at the station closest to the pulpit. Our offering for the communion baskets is dedicated to UCC National Christmas Fund.

As a person faces the large windows the communion stations, going left to right, are stations 1, 2, and 3. Station 3 is farthest to the right and is the gluten-free station. Servers will also serve people in the pews who do not come forward.

Communion Music -

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jamaican Folk Song, Adapted by Doreen Potter

1. Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy.
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Chorus

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,

Pass the word around: Love abounds!

(Repeat)

2. Christ is able to make us one,
At the table he sets the tone.
Teaching people to live, to bless,
Love in word and in deed express.

Chorus

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,

Pass the word around: Love abounds!

(Repeat)

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out,
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God Immanuel everywhere!

Chorus

Learning Something of Value

Word About Life

The vision of a star led the Magi to the baby Jesus. They travelled from Jerusalem to Nazareth to see the Christ child. Where will our vision take us? Today's service is the first service in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is a word that means revelation. Epiphanies are often surprising and shocking. What is your vision for our church? What is our vision?

What We Need and What We Give

Celebrations

Rev. Ken Heintzelman

This is our time to share the celebrations of our lives:
birthdays, anniversaries, words of kindness
and works of peace and justice.

Celebration Song

Celebrate your heart and your spirit,
Celebrate your life while you live it.
Even when it's hard to do,
Celebrate the best of you.

Celebrate your dreams and your visions,
Celebrate the love you've been given.
Cherish all that you've been through,
Celebrate the best of you.

Invitation to Give

Bill Peterson

As we have received, so we give. We are all on this journey and God blesses all gifts and all givers. Our offerings for the celebration of life in this place and beyond, for the furthering of justice, inclusion, and spirituality, shall now be received.

Offering for Thanks, Work and Hope

Dream On

Cornerstone Chorale

by Marilyn Rampley and Forrest Bachtel

Dedication of Our Offerings and Ourselves

Bill Peterson

One: Time has now come for us to leave this sacred place.

**All: As we do, may we embrace the challenges
of our lives and our world...**

One: As we prepare to leave this sacred place of
celebration of life,

**All: May we live lives of hope,
be nurturers of a vision of wholeness,
and serve as healers in a wounded world.**

One: These are the times

All: We are the people.

One: All of Creation is blessed!

All: May we love all and serve all!

One: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth Song

I'm Gonna Live

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anytime Lord, or anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anytime Lord, or anywhere.
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me...
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me...
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me...

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