

Epiphany Theme: Arise, Shine!

January 9, 2022

First Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude

Ricercar On: "Der Tag der ist so Freudenreich" Poglietti Please respect those who wish to sit in silence.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Katie Miller

*Greeting and Passing of the Peace

"The Peace of God be with you."

In Unison: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

Call to Worship

From the midst of our real lives with their very real problems,

We come to seek courage and strength in the presence of God and support we give one another.

As persons who love imperfectly and are loved imperfectly,

We come to be renewed by the perfect love of God, proclaimed in this community of love. As persons who never fully live up to our high calling in Jesus Christ,

We come to be encouraged to do our best for one more week.

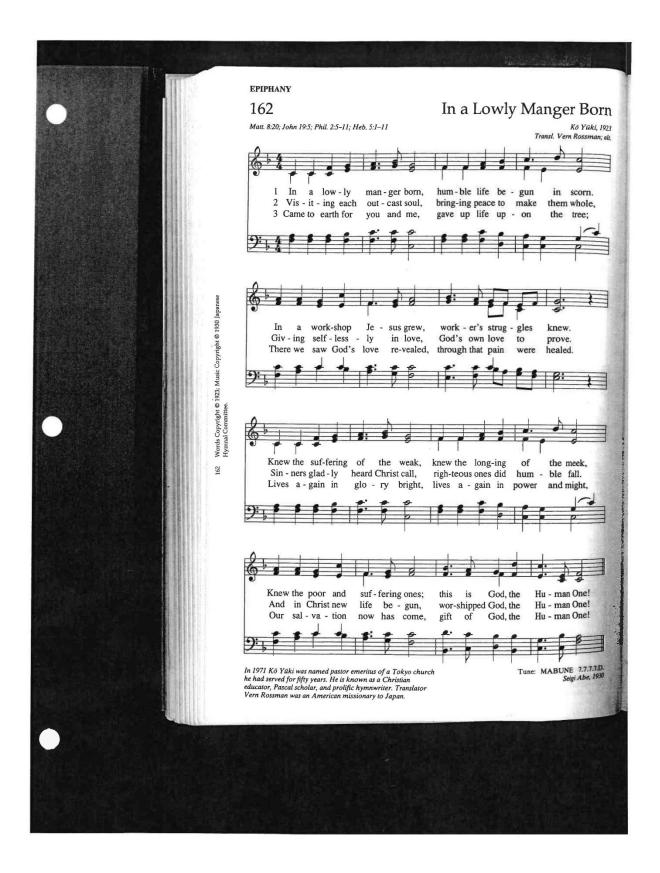
Let us worship with hearts open to the love of God and hands outstretched to one another. We bring our whole selves, willing to accept the cost and joy of being Christ's disciples.

*Processional Hymn

In a Lowly Manger Born

Black Hymnal, No. 162 MABUNE

Lyn Bouma



*Invocation

Come, O Creator, O Immensity of Love, O Eternity of Mercy. Come, and be with us and in us and beside us and over us. Be as hands upon us and fashion us for shining. Be as warmth within us and ignite our caring. Be as strength beside us and shape our lives for healing. May your Word come true in our flesh, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Gloria

Black Hymnal, No. 759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Conversation with the Children

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:41-51, pew Bible pages 55-56

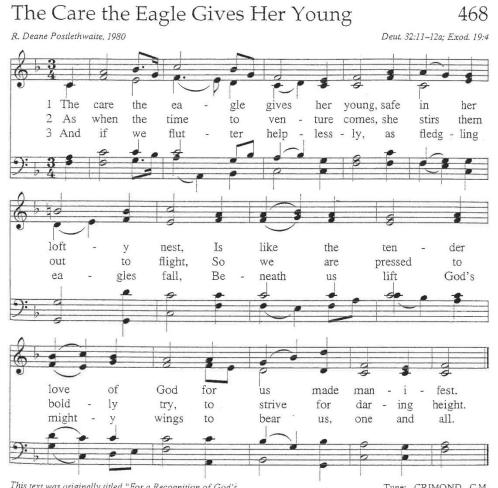
Psalter

Psalm 36:5-10

HOLY ONE, throughout the very heavens is your faithful love, your faithfulness beyond the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the eternal mountains, your judgments are like the mighty deep; you save humankind and animalkind alike, FAITHFUL ONE.
How precious is your faithful love, O God!
All the woman-born take shelter in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.
Extend your faithful love to those who know you, and your justice to the upright of heart!

AnthemSong of HopeScripture LessonsIsaiah 52:1-10; I Corinthians 1:26-31, pew Bible pages 642, 156SermonYour StrengthDr. Rev. Scott Jones*HymnThe Care the Eagle Gives Her YoungBlack Hymnal, No. 468

CRIMOND



This text was originally titled "For a Recognition of God's Feminine Attributes." The author explains: "I find a deep meaning and power in the image of a God who, like a mother eagle, pushes me from her nest, but who catches me, bears me up, when I fall."

Tune: CRIMOND C.M. Jesse Seymour Irvine, 1872 Harm. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929

*Confession

Dr. Rev. Jim Harmon

We confess together that we have not always lived as those forgiven, set free, and united in Christ. We are aware, O God, that we are at times prisoners of fear and habit. Through the healing touch of Christ, set us free to live and to love, that we may be the people you have created us to be. Let us Arise and Shine! Amen.

*Assurance

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again. Let us praise God with joy.

Prayers

Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

Magnificat

Kinderman

*Hymn of Dedication

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

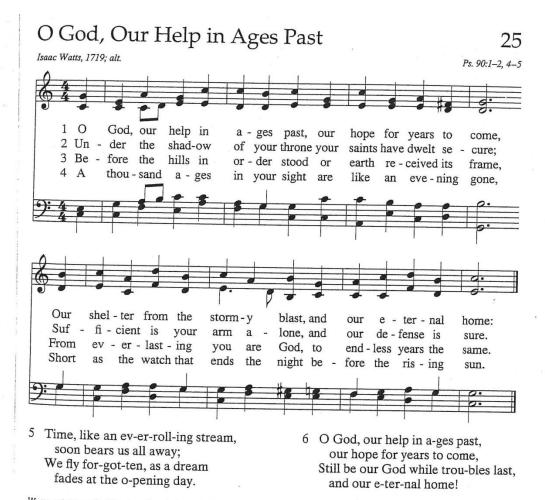
*Offertory

For all we have inherited from your hand, for making us in your own image, for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ, we give you thanks, loving God. We pour out our gratitude and give our best, that this world may become a place where your light shines. Amen.

***Recessional Hymn** O God, Our Help in Ages Past Black Hymnal, No. 25 ST. ANNE CM

Prayer

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Watts, minister of a Congregational church in London, wrote theological and philosophical works and hundreds of "hymns of human composure" (everyday language). He augmented the congregational singing of psalms with a new style of hymnody.

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M. William Croft, 1708

*Benediction

Benediction Response

May you hear laughter in the wind. May you see hope in the light. May you find courage in your faith. May you know joy in your God.

Postlude

Vom Himmel Hoch

Pachelbel

Bouma

You are invited to remain for the playing of the postlude. Please respect those who wish to sit in silence.

Open & Affirming Statement

In our ongoing quest for hearts that open, minds that understand, and lives that serve, we welcome into our fellowship, membership, leadership, and employment, all people, regardless of abilities, race, gender, sexual orientation, or any Godgiven characteristic.

Announcements January 9, 2022

Prayers: We pray for *Mary Solberg* and family, on the death of *Randy Solberg*. We pray for *Deb Kirwan* and family on the death of her daughter-in-law, *Esther Bridges*.

Happy Birthday this week: Elliott Mitchell, Valerie Garver, Kerrie Kleppin-Winn, Josephine Obner, Lulu Tiller, Mitch Fey, Leo Bock, and Meg Fey.

Coffee Hour: Due to the unfortunate rise of COVID-19 cases in Douglas County, there will be no coffee hour following worship for the remainder of the month of January. We dearly hope to resume normal activities soon.

Chancel Flowers and Decorations: We are in need of chancel flower donors for the month of January. Consider stopping by the parlor after worship to sign up for this month or upcoming months!

FirstKids: FirstKids returns! Fireside Room following the Conversation with the Children. Masks required.

Want to donate electronically? Please scan the QR code.



Activities for the Coming Week January 9-15

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

Monday: Staff meeting, 1:30 p.m., Pastor's Study.

Tuesday: Council, 7 p.m., Parlor

- Wednesday: Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, 7 p.m. Vespers, 8 p.m., Facebook Live
- **Thursday**: Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. 2 p.m.
- **Friday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. 2 p.m.
- **Saturday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. 2 p.m.

Sunday, January 16

Worship: 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Live, YouTube, or in person. Masks required.

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