

Epiphany Worship

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

APPROACHED TO GOD

Before the service, meditate and speak to God. During the service let God speak to you. After the service talk to each other and the wider community about God.

KEYS

Words printed in **ALL CAPS & bold** are spoken or sung by everyone.

At places marked with the “†,” you are invited to stand, as you are able.

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Order of Worship

GATHERING SONG

- **Where Two or Three are Gathered (X2) MV #14**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT

Disclaimer: The use of the terms darkness, blackness or other simile is in no way intended to refer to people or persons of colour. It is a reference to the confusion in our lives and souls.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- **Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary (X2) #MV 18**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: At one time we were in gloom;

All: Now we are light in the Lord.

One: The light shines in the twilight;

All: and the twilight has not overcome it.

One: Whoever follows Jesus will not walk in blindness,

All: but will have the light of life.

One: Walk as children of light.

All: We walk as children of light.

One: Let us worship the light!

HYMN: A Light Is Gleaming VU #82

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

- **Christ, within us hidden (vs 1) MV #162**

Christ, within us hidden.

Christ, in all and each.

Christ, who comes unbidden.

Christ, within our reach.

Forgiving God ... and let your radiant light fill us and lead us to you. Amen.

Christ, within us hidden.

Christ, in all and each.

Christ, who comes unbidden.

Christ, within our reach.

AFFIRMATION & ASSURANCE

One: Each new day brings a new dawn and new forgiveness.

Take that light out into the world, knowing that your trust

in God has brought you brilliant love.

PREPARATION FOR SCRIPTURE

- **Will You Come and See the Light (vs 1) VU #96**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- **Psalm 62: 5-12 – VU, P. 779**
- **Mark 1: 14-20**

*One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.
All: We listen for the voice of God.*

THE REFLECTION

HYMN: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore VU #563

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

*At each long pause our, you are invited to offer a prayer of
joys, concerns or requested prayers.*

One: God of light and love, We send our prayers before you this day in hope and faith. We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who are wondering about faith and all who are struggling with faith.

ALL: Light of all faith, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples.

One: We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those we have named earlier, and those we name now in the silence of our hearts.

ALL: Comforter of the suffering, warm our hearts and hands to loving service.

One: We pray for our troubled world that struggles in the darkness of conflict and unrest, both far away and nearby.

ALL: Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

One: We pray for the land on which we stand, for the peoples, the creatures, plant life and waters around us.

ALL: Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth and to heal the circle of creation.

One: God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we even know them, and our needs before we ask.

ALL: Kindle your flame within us, that through our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us.

One: All this we ask as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us. Our Father....**Amen.**

GOING FORTH HYMN: Go Make a Difference MV #209

THANK YOU & BLESSING

One: Go now as a light to the nations. Honour the Lord; preach what you know of the risen Christ, and fulfil all righteousness. And may God strengthen you and bless you with peace; May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you; And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved ones. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.¹

CLOSING SONG:

- **Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light (X2) MV #211**



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THANK YOU & CREDITS

Thank you for participating in today's worship, I pray you have been greatly blessed.

Remember, for those we are unable to connect with any reason; call to buoy up their spirits, and/or pray for them and entrust them to the care of the divine.

Due to physical distancing caused by the Corona Virus, COVID 19, all church activities that require physical contact are suspended until further notice.

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- Zion United Church @ to zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com
- St. Andrew's @ standrewsunityenderbybc@gmail.com
- Mission & Service Link: <https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/get-involved/giving-opportunities>

Those of you who are on PAR and those who mailed in the gifts and offerings thank you.

We are always happy to hear your comments and queries. If you have prayer requests, you may use our social media message tabs or email them to ministerfranklyn@gmail.com

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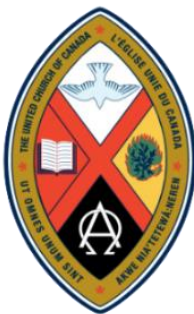
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