

Hilton United Methodist Church  
Epiphany Sunday January 3, 2016, 10:00 am

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

*Dr. Hye-Bin Song*

Introit

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

*arr. Gustav Holst*

\* **Call to Worship** *(based on Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14)* *Rev. Jennifer Green*

In the midst of unemployment, debt, illness, all the hardships of life,  
why have you come to worship?

**We come because Isaiah reminds us  
that no suffering or pain can separate us from God.**

I hear the Prophet calling, "Arise, shine for your light has come!"  
I'm ready for that bright light from God to light my way.

We see that light in Jesus, God-with-Us,  
and we recognize that light in our lives, too:

We are all created in God's image:

God's light was born in us as we breathed our first breath.

**We come to worship to connect God's light in us to God's light in Christ,  
and so illumine the world.**

What a reason to worship!

How do we recognize that light?

In compassion for all,

in justice for the poor,

in welcome for the stranger

we shine God's light into the world.

So come let us bring the joys and hardships of life to worship  
and celebrate that God's light is already with us and within us.

*written by God's Light Within Us: Prayers for the Festival of Epiphany was written by the Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Danie*

\* Hymn:

“We Three Kings”

UMH #256

\* **Opening Prayer**

Manuela Groth, Lay Liturgist

Lord God, you call your people to tasks we would not ourselves choose. Give us  
the grace to love you enough to follow when you call. You know our weakness and  
have promised to give resources for that which you ask of us. We praise you for your  
generous care. Like Samuel, let us say "Here I am." God of surprising light, here we are.

We are surrounded, O God, with people who need to hear the story, people who  
need to meet the one from Nazareth, Jesus our Lord. Make our places of worship,  
places of hospitality and welcome. Make our words and actions, words and actions of  
invitation. Like Philip, let us say, "Come and see." God of surprising light, here we are.

— from Lift Up Your Hearts: Worship and Spirituality Site of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

Choral Anthem

“Seeker’s Carol”

*Vicki Tucker Courtney*

Experiencing God Through God’s Word

**Message:** The Jesse Tree ~Meeting the Messiah in the Old Testament Rev. Green

\* Hymn: “What Child is This” UMH #219

We Respond to God’s Word

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer and Personal Confession

Pastoral Prayer

New Year Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition:

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt,

Rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or

Laid aside for thee,

Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things,

Let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things

To thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant

Which I have made on earth,

Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

*God, I thank you for....*

*God, I need help with .....*

**Giving to God**

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

\* The Doxology to the tune of "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We Go Forth to Serve God**

\* Hymn:

"The First Noel"

UMH #219

**Ministry Opportunities**

**The Benediction**

**Sung Benediction Response:**

Verse 1

May the God of hope so fill you  
With the joy of Christ-like love  
May enduring peace sustain you  
That you may abide in love

Verse 2

Go in peace and with thanksgiving  
Choose to live in righteousness  
Humbly witness to just living  
As you model blessedness

Verse 3

May the light of Christ go with you  
In the Spirit's company  
May the grace of God be with you  
Now and through eternity

**Postlude**

\* Stand in body or spirit P = Bible page number, LP = Large Print Bible page  
TFWS # = The Faith We Sing Hymnal; UMH # or # = The United Methodist Hymnal

**Welcome to worship.** We pray you feel God's presence in this place. Please sign the attendance pad so we may get to know you and pray for you and your family.

Please consider joining us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall, which is located down the stairs near the entrances.

# JESSE TREE



**January 3, 2016 – Epiphany Sunday**

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**Persecuted Christians around the world; The Hand to Plow Process; Our Mission Outreach Children:** Marbelly and Ariel Velasquez Alvarado. **Residents of Care Facilities:** John Bean; Bob Hall; Gloria Hamm; Eleanor Harrington; Marie Nundy, Betty Schultz. **Ongoing Health Concerns:** Bob Comstock; Ron Davies; Ed Earnhart; Betty Everts; Alea Floyd; Andrew Hardy; Margaret Hendershot; Bill Hess; Michele List; Anna Ponton; Mike Postilli; Meg Shubert; John Sweeney; Nicole & Nicholas Sypel; Natalie Turner; Chris Wanjon. **Service people: Sgt. Michael T. Bigley;** Gen. James Blackburn; St. Sgt. Jason Brackley; Sgt. Ryan P. Campbell; LCpl. Nathan Coffey; Sgt. FC David Colucci; Msgt. Matthew Emerson; Capt Scott Fuller; Pvt Annika Moody; Sgt. Nick Mucci; Maj. Jathan Payne; LCpl Scott Ponton; Maj Nathan Thompson; Sr Airman Steven Trembley; Sgt. Cody Wise.

\* If you know of anyone that should be added to this list please let us know.

**The Grand Sweep** - Our Grand Sweep adventure of reading through the Bible continues.

**This Week's Reading [Week #38]: Zephaniah 1 – Malachi 4 and Psalm 122 & 123**

**Staff at HUMC**

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Green  
Office Mngr: Patricia Van Vleck  
Music Coord.: Karen Bernhardt Kuntz  
Custodian: Bill Schubert  
Organist: Dr. Hye-Bin Song  
Youth Coord.: Angela Merrill  
Nursery: Amy Quartieri

**Disciples Active In Worship This Week**

Head Usher: Pat Holenbeck  
Greeter: Mike Johnson  
& Katie Paxton Johnson  
Guide: Ray Perkins  
Nursery Ass't: Drew Wegman  
Sound Booth: Patti Sullivan  
Coffeeshour: Liz Gliszczynski  
Worship Coord.: Scott Campbell  
Financial Sec.: Sally Lee

**This Week:** Today: Worship at 10:00am  
Coffee & Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall  
Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Multipurpose Room  
Youth Three Kings Party  
Monday: Prayer Group @ 9:15am  
Tuesday: GS Leaders – 6pm Library, FH, CR  
Wednesday: Cub Scouts – 6pm Sanctuary then Library  
GS #189 6:30pm CR  
Choir Rehearsal 7pm – Sanctuary  
Thursday: Bible Study – 1pm Library  
Christ Centered Women Small Group 7pm Pastor's home  
Friday: AA – FH 7pm  
Saturday: PCF Worship – Sanctuary 5:00pm  
Sunday: PCF Worship – Sanctuary 8:30am  
**Worship @ 10am**  
Fellowship & Coffee hour  
Sunday School