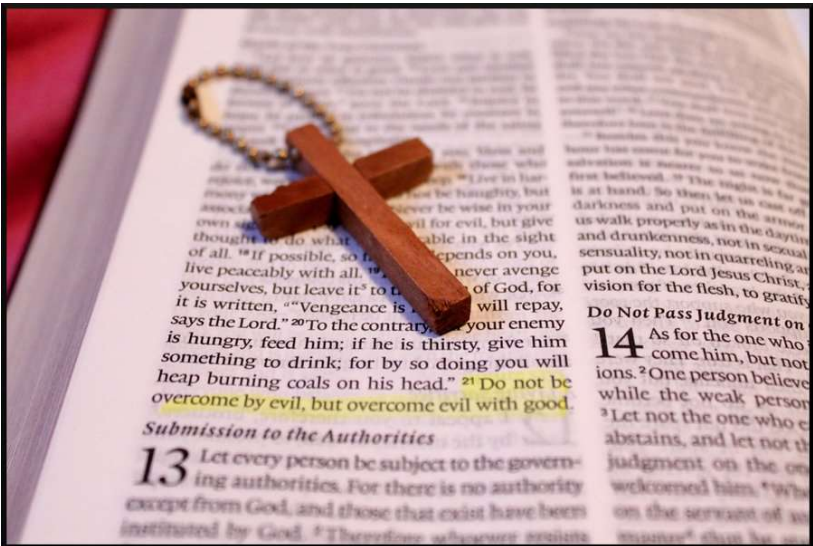


ALAMEDA Christian Reformed CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
January 14, 2018



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am

10:30 am

12:00 noon

1:00 pm

Adult Bible Study

Family Worship Service

Fellowship Hour

Choir Practice

WORSHIP SERVICE

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Epiphany of our Lord was celebrated on January 6, yet is extended by some churches into the season preceding Lent. This church season celebrates the revelation of light and knowledge revealed through Christ for the sake of the whole world (Ephesians 3). During Epiphany worshipers are illumined with an awareness of Jesus, true God and true man, while preparing for the call to discipleship that will happen in Lent.

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

*Call to Worship

*Responsive Reading from Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them -- they are more than the sand; I come to the end -- I am still with you.

Praise

*Songs of Praise:

“People Get Ready”

“Refiner's Fire”

“Be Thou My Vision” (#859 vs.1-4)

*God's Greeting

*Hymn of Adoration: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (#540 vs. 1-4)

Renewal

Call to Confession:

John's Gospel calls us to confess our sin: "Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. All who do evil hate the light, and will not come to the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what each one has done has been done through God."

Confession of Sin

Eternal God, we confess that we have praised you with our lips but have not glorified you with our lives. Have mercy on us, we pray, for our brief faith that fades under pressure, for our quick enthusiasms that just as quickly die, for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue. Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power, that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness by our acts as by our words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (from John 1:9, 12)

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Friends, this is the good news!

Thanks be to God!

God's Gift of the Law in Prayer and Song

Lord our God, your Word is a light for our path. Even as we sing, imprint the words of your commands on our hearts, and teach us to walk in step with your Spirit.

“The Lord is God, the One and True God (#711 vs. 1-3)

We receive these commands as your gift to us.

We long for your Spirit to guide us on this path. Through Jesus we pray. Amen

Response

Prayers of the People

Offering: General Fund

***Hymn of Dedication of Gifts:**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” (#876 vs. 1)

PROCLAMATION

A Word to Children of All Ages

Dismissal of Children for Kids Connection

Scripture: Romans 5:12-21 (p.1181)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Misery and the Gift

Response of Faith: HC QA 2-9, 59-60

***Hymn of Response:** “In Thee Is Gladness” (#344 vs. 1-2)

SENDING

***Closing Prayer**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen

***Benediction**

***Doxology** “Now Thank We All Our God” (#543 vs. 3)

Postlude

Participants:

Minister: Rev. Mark Hofman

Pianist: Carrie Dole