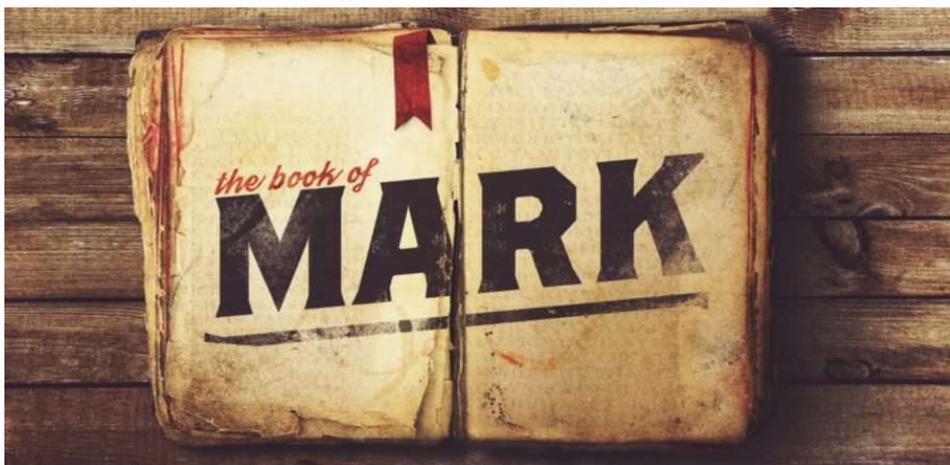




welcome to worship
January 13, 2019



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 13, 2019

First Sunday after Epiphany (Baptism of our Lord)

The Worship Sourcebook states that "The word 'epiphany' comes from a Greek word meaning 'manifestation or appearance.' In the context of church history, this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi." The adoration of the Magi is a sign that the light of Christ has come for the whole world, even Gentiles from the farthest reaches of the known world. Through the baptism of Jesus, the love of God is demonstrated and revealed as a Trinitarian relationship.

The Epiphany season places special emphasis on the teaching and healing ministry of Christ. The Season of Epiphany starts on January 6th and ends the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. From Christmastide to the beginning of Lent worshipers grow in an awareness of the significance of the entire life of Jesus and prepare for the call to discipleship that will happen in Lent.

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

*Call to Worship from Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Praise

*Songs of Praise:

“We Bow Down” (Red Maranatha #97 vs. 1&2)

“Be Still, for the Presence” (#532 vs. 1-3)

*“Open the Eyes of My Heart” (#537 *twice)*

*God’s Greeting

Hymn of Praise: *“Jesus, the Light of the World” (#100 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 Song & Prayer:

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.

(Hymn) *“The One Is Blest” (#714 vs. 1-2, & 5)*

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:** “Lord of All Good” (#879 vs. 1)

PROCLAMATION

Dismissal of Children for Kids Connection

Scripture: Mark 1:16-39 (p. 1045)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: That Is Why I Have Come

***Hymn of Response:** “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go” (Red #502 vs. 1-3)

SENDING

*Benediction

***Doxology:** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (#965)

Postlude

Participants:

Minister: Rev. Mark Hofman

Pianist: Carrie Dole