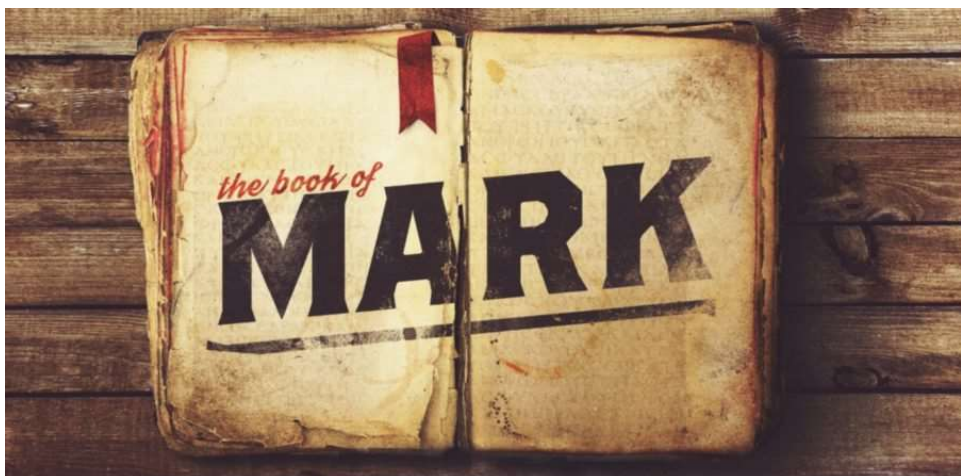




WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
FEBRUARY 17, 2019



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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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10:30 am  
12:00 noon  
1:00 pm

Family Worship Service  
Fellowship Hour  
Choir Practice

# WORSHIP SERVICE

February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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 worshippers 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 99:1-6 (NLT)

*The Lord is king! Let the nations tremble! He sits on his throne between the cherubim. Let the whole earth quake!*

**The Lord sits in majesty in Jerusalem, exalted above all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name.**

Your name is holy! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established fairness. You have acted with justice and righteousness throughout Israel.

**Exalt the Lord our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!**

## Praise

### \*Songs of Praise

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (#581 vs. 1-3)

"How Great Is Our God" (#574)

"How Great Thou Art" (#553 vs. 1-4)

### \*God's Greeting

**Anthem:** “Blessed Assurance”

## Renewal

**Sung Call to Confession:** “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” (#737 vs. 1-2)

### Prayer of Confession

*For the times we have lied to one another and the times we have been lied to,*

**Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

*For the times we have laughed at another’s pain and the times we have been laughed at,*

**Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

*For the times we have spoken when we should have remained silent and the times we have remained silent when we should have spoken,*

**Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

*For the times we have not respected another’s freedom to be different from us,*

**Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

*For the times we have betrayed a friend and the times we have been betrayed,*

**Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

*Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### Assurance of Pardon from Romans 5:1-8

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.*

*Friends, this is the good news!*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Response of Gratitude:** “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” (#737 vs. 3-4)

## Response

**Prayers of the People (Jay Sankey)**

**Offering:** General Fund

**\*Hymn of Dedication of Gifts:** “Lord of All Good” (#879 vs. 1)

## PROCLAMATION

**Dismissal of Children for Kids Connection**

**Scripture:** Mark 5:1-43 (p. 1050)

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** Desperate Times

**Affirmation of Faith:** “My Only Comfort” (#434)

**Hymn of Response:** “Abide with Me” (#466 vs. 1, 3 & 5)

## SENDING

**\*Benediction**

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

**Postlude**

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### **Participants:**

Preaching: Jack Hickman

Pianist: Keiko Pederson

Special Music: AKC Choir