

The season of Epiphany begins on January 6 and continues until the first Sunday of Lent. The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “appearing” and during this time we celebrate the ways Christ was made manifest to the world: through the coming of the Wise Men, the Baptism of our Lord, and Jesus’ first miracle of changing water into wine at Cana. Symbols of Epiphany are the Star and Light. The Star is often used in Epiphany to symbolize Jesus Christ as the Light of the World. February is Black History Month, so some of our service music during February will reflect this.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

Jason W. Crosby

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

PRELUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Spiritual, arr. Louie Bailey

I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 518

He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands

WHOLE WORLD

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

Mitz Nabekura

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

You Are the Light of the World
Louie Bailey, pianoStephen Schwartz
GODSPELL

You are the light of the world! But if that light is under a bushel,
It’s lost something kind of crucial. You got to stay bright to be the light of the world,
You are the salt of the earth! But if that salt has lost its flavor,
It ain’t got much in its favor. You can’t have that fault and be the salt of the earth!

So let your light so shine before men; Let your light so shine;
So that they might know some kindness again,
We all need help to feel fine (let’s have a good time!).

You are the city of God! But if that city’s on a hill,
It’s kinda hard to hide it well. You’ve got to stay pretty in the city of God!
You are the light of the world! But the tallest candlestick
Ain’t much good without a wick; you’ve got to stay bright to be the light of the world.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

A little bit of salt will quickly show its worth;
A little bit of faithfulness will change the earth.
God, make us worth our salt — a church that's glad to be
The change that you desire in each community.

A lamp that's in a house gives safety, warmth and light;
It's set upon a table where it shines so bright.
God, make your church a light that bravely takes a stand
To bring your love and justice into all the land.

A garden is a place where so much beauty grows,
Where flowers bloom and food is raised and water flows.
When worship leads us out to care for the oppressed,
O God, you say we're like a garden at its best.

When worship leads us out to love and serve the poor,
To welcome in the immigrant at our own door,
O God, then we'll be called "repairers of the breach,"
And we your church will be "restorers of the streets."

It's tempting to remain well-hidden, quiet, bland —
Yet, God, you make us salt and light to change this land.
You send us out to love, to build and to repair,
Till peace and justice flourish here and everywhere.

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DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brittani M. Bair

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

You are invited to make an offering of your gifts as well as a silent offering of yourself.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hiney Mah Tov

Hebrew Folk Tune, arr. Iris Levine

Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

Hiney mah tov umah na yim shevet amim gam yachad.

How good and pleasant it is when people dwell together in unity.

Psalm 133:1

*EPIPHANY DOXOLOGY

Praise God, the Giver and the Gift

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, the Giver and the Gift. Hearts, minds and voices now uplift: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Breath of glad surprise, freeing, uplifting, opening eyes,
Three-in-Oneness, Love communing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

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*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY

We gladly welcome all who desire to unite with the community of faith at Crescent Hill Baptist Church
to come forward during the Hymn of Response and share that decision with the minister.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

This Little Light of Mine

African-American Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

*SILENCE

*POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

* Worshipers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

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