

Last Sunday after Epiphany
February 14, 2010
Worship 8:00 and 10:30

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

* Call to Worship

One: We come to this place and time, Creator God, expecting the extra-ordinary to occur.

ALL: We come as individuals brought together by one man, Jesus of Nazareth.

One: On this new morning of the first day of a new week, we believe all things can be made new.

ALL: And we believe that to be true, because of one person, Jesus the Christ, whom we praise.

* Gathering Hymn *"When Morning Guilds the Skies"* Insert

* Call to Confession

When we made the commitment to follow Jesus, we said we would open ourselves to God's Spirit and be willing to express God's love to the world. We've not, however, always acted on that commitment. Let us confess the ways we have failed in our discipleship.

* Prayer of Confession

As we mark the end of the season of Epiphany, Eternal Light of the World, we are confronted by our continuing struggle to see your light breaking in the ordinary events of our everyday life. As we gather for worship, Calling God, we are struck by our inability to discern your presence. Forgive our intentional and our unintentional resistance to You. Free us from the fears and prejudices that cause us to defy Your will. Open our hearts, so that we might hear your "Still Speaking" voice. Fill us with the presence of Christ, until we are unable to remain indifferent to the needs of your hurting world. Empower us to live out of Christ's love, enabling us to offer you true worship.

* Silent Reflection

* Song of Petition *"Come, Now Is the Time"* Overhead Projector

* Words of Hope

Whenever we remember our Christ-like nature, the veil is removed and we live in the freedom of your Spirit. Now we are free to shine out and reflect the Love of God! Now we are free to shine out and be a blessing to God's world! Now we are free to worship!

OPENING OURSELVES TO THE VOICE OF GOD

The Bible Lesson St. Luke 9:28-36

Chancel Choir Anthem *"Peace Is Our Prayer"* Shackley

A Time for Young Christians

(Prayer requests and guest forms will be collected by ushers at the side aisles.)

The Morning Message ***"Thin Places"***

EXPRESSING OUR FAITH

Joining Our Voices in Prayer

Holy Mystery, we have experienced your glory in things both grand and ordinary: in red earth canyons and the call of an owl; in ancient forests and children on the playground; in a hope-filled birth and a quiet walk on the beach. *(Reflect, in silence, on those moments when you've experienced God's presence.)*

Grateful for the experience of your sacred presence, we pray for those who are in need of healing, justice, and peace. *(Reflect, in silence, on those within your community, nation, and world.)*

May each moment of glory—each embrace of the sacred—empower us to be more. And through our faithfulness, may your realm be established among us, as it is in the heart of your holy mystery.

(Silent and spoken prayers may be added by the congregation.)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response *"What Gift Can We Bring?"* (Tune #370)

*What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer in honor and praise?*

*Offering Prayer

RECEIVING GOD'S LOVE

* Invitation to Communion

One: The Spirit of Christ invites us to go up to the mountain of revelation, to open ourselves to the Divine presence.

All: We are ready to go where Christ leads.

One: This is the welcome table of God, where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and desire the grace of God in Christ are embraced and nourished.

All: We approach this table wanting to be filled with Christ's spirit.

One: This is Christ's table, not ours. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

* Communion Hymn *"As We Gather at Your Table"* #332

* Communion Prayer

Breaking of Bread and Blessing the Cup

Sharing the Elements *(As the elements are being distributed, you are invited to sing the following Mantra.)*
"Be Still and Know that I am God."

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO WITNESS

* Closing Hymn *"Not with Naked Eye, Not with Human Sense"* #406

* Benediction

* Musical Postlude