

January 12, 2025- First Sunday after the Epiphany
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Prelude

Welcome/Announcement

Watchword For The Week: God said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

(Please Stand if able.)

Call to Worship:

(L) Give unto the Lord O You mighty ones, give unto the Lord glory and strength

(A) Give unto the Lord the glory due to his name

(L) Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

(A) The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

(L) The voice of the Lord is of Majesty

(A) The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace.

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Opening Hymn: "Song of Thankfulness and Praise"

MBW Page 313 Sung to Tune 450

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise, manifested by the star to the sages
from afar; branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem, anthems be to you addressed, God
in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme; and at Cana, wedding guest,
in your Godhead manifest; manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the
devil's might; manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill; anthems be to you addressed, God
in flesh made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy word; may we imitate you now,
and on us your grace endow; that we like to you may be at your great epiphany,
and may praise you ever blessed, God in flesh made manifest.**

All your creatures, Lord, will praise you, and all your people will give you thanks.

They will speak of the glory of your royal power and tell of your might.

Everyone will know your mighty deeds and the glorious majesty of your kingdom.

Your rule is eternal, and you are king forever.

You, Lord, are righteous in all you do, merciful in all your acts.

You are near to those who call to you, who called to you with sincerity.

You supply the needs of all who honor you; you hear their cries and save them.

We will ever praise you, Lord; let all creation praise your holy name forever.

Hymn:

HYFRYDOL

**Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto you;
young and old, your praise expressing, sing your mercies ever new.
All the saints in heaven adore you; we would bow before your throne.
As your angels serve before you, so on earth your will be done.**

(Sitting)

With sincere hearts and open minds, let us now acknowledge the sin that entangles us and prevents us from doing God's will.

Silent Confession

Please join me: **Compassionate Lord, you call us to a higher standard than we have achieved. We therefore bow in honest confession of those thoughts, words, and deeds which have missed the mark. Within our families, we have loved imperfectly. Among sisters and brothers in the church, we have not fully walked in the light. Often our congregations have not reflected the rich diversity of people in our communities. In our witness to the world, our lives have not adequately testified to your redeeming power. Forgive us, gracious Lord, for permitting ourselves to be distracted from the goal of our discipleship. Heal the brokenness of our hearts and restore us to you, our first love.**

Hymn:

BATTY

**Grant that we may love you truly; Lord, our thoughts and actions sway, and to ev-'ry heart
more fully your atoning pow'r display.**

There is no condemnation now for those who live in union with Christ Jesus. Hear the word of our Lord: I do not condemn you. Go, but do not sin again.

(Standing)

God created the heavens and stretched them out, fashioned the earth and all that lives there, and gave life and breath to all its people.

And now the Lord God says to his servant: I, the Lord, have called you and given you power to see that justice is done on earth. Through you I will make a covenant with all peoples.

Through you I will bring light to the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind,
And set free those who sit in dark prisons.

Hymn:

ST. AGNES

**Light of the world, come near and bless your children here below,
who in your house your name confess, on us your grace bestow.
Light of the world, we worship you; our gifts to you we bring;
accept our sinful hearts, O Lord, while praise to you we sing.**

God shows no partiality to race or culture. All who have reverence for him and do what is right are acceptable to God.

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.

Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son!

How great is the grace of God, which he gave to us in such large measure!

This is the good news: through Jesus' death and resurrection all people may participate in God's blessings.

We are members of the same body and share in the promise that God made through Christ Jesus. There is no longer rich or poor, black or white, male or female; for we are all one in union with Christ Jesus.

If we belong to Christ, then we are members of God's family and will receive what God has promised.

Hymn:

DULCE CARMEN

**Church of God, elect and glorious, holy nation, chosen race,
called as God's own special people, royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling; show to all God's mighty deeds;
tell of Love which knows no limits, grace which meets all human needs.**

(Sitting)

Epiphany Prayer of Intercession

Let us offer intercessions and petitions for the needs of the world.

Lord Jesus Christ, as disciples called to your service, we pray for the salvation of all. Lead us to bear witness to friends and neighbors in this community. Fill our words and manner of life with the convincing power of your Spirit. Intensify our love for all people that our discipleship may be confirmed as genuine. Through our obedience to your call, bestow on many the faith to be saved.

Give every gift and blessing to your witnesses in all places. May those who suffer because they have named you as Lord be strengthened to endure every temptation. Give courage, insight, and loving patience to those who have left their own people to proclaim the gospel to those yet unreached.

Savior, grant that your church may always grow in grace and in numbers. Bring multitudes from every people to bow and confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(Standing)

Hymn:

LUX EOI

Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-tize and teach."

**That the world may trust your prom-ise - life a-bun-dant meant for each - give us a new fer-
vor, draw us clos-er in com-mu-ni-ty; with the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min-is-try.**

Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you to the end."

**Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares
that claim us, hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty; with the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min-is-try.**

I looked, and there was a great multitude—no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb, holding palm branches in their hands. They called out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!"

**Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever!
Amen!**

(Sitting)

Children's Chat:

Offering Our Gifts To God: The Regular Offering will be taken first and then The Joyful Noise Collection will be going to the Essential Cafe in Bethlehem. Drop those coins into the cans to make a lot of noise. If you don't have coins we will take cash.

Offertory:

(Please Stand if able.)

Doxology: "Jesus Love Me! This I Know"

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**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.**

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me —The Bible tells me so!

Prayer of Blessing: (All) As the Magi brought gifts to honor the Christ Child, we too bring our offerings with hearts full of gratitude. May these gifts be a reflection of our love and devotion to you. Guide us to be faithful stewards of all you have given, that through our giving your Kingdom may be revealed in acts of compassion, mercy and justice. Bless these gifts and may our lives be a testament of your goodness to us and shine to all in the light of Christ.

(Sitting)

God's Word For Today:

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Pew Bible Page 759

2nd Scripture Reading: Acts 8:14-17 (Responsive Reading) Pew Bible Page 1148

14. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. **15. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,** 16. Because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. **17. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.**

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22

Pew Bible Page 1073-1074

Hymn of Preparation: "Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you;
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you;

To see You high and lifted up, shinin' in the light of your glory;
Pour out your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy holy."

To see You high and lifted up, shinin' in the light of your glory;
Pour out your power and love as we sing,
"Holy, holy holy.

"Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy. I want to see you. I want to see you.

The Sermon: Have You Received The Word Of God?

Pastor Blondel Jones Grant

Hymn of Response: "Open The Eyes, That I May See"

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Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me; Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now, I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, il-lu-mine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear Voices of truth Thou sendest clear; And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Ev-ery-thing false will disappear. Silently now, I wait for Thee, Ready my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, il-lu-mine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear Gladly the warm truth ev-ery-where; Open my heart, and let me prepare Love with Thy children thus to share. Silently now, I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my heart, il-lu-mine me, Spirit divine!

(Please remain standing if able.)

Benediction:

Parting Hymn: "In His Temple Now Behold Him" MBW Page 314 Sung to Tune 293

In His temple now behold Him; see the long-expected Lord; ancient prophets had foretold him; God has now__ fulfilled His word. Now to praise Him, his redeemed shall break forth with one accord.

In the arms of her who bore Him, virgin pure, behold him lie while his a - ged saints adore him ere in perfect faith they die. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Lo, th'in-car-nate God Most High!

Jesus, by your presentation, when they blessed you, weak and poor, make us see your great salvation, seal us with your promise sure; and present us in your glo-ry to your Fa-ther cleansed and pure.

(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)

Postlude

Co Leaders for January:

January 19th - Charlott Bramwell

January 26th - Normalee Mallawaaracheci

Next Sunday, January 19, 2025, we will welcome Pastor Jesus Laguerra back into the pulpit. We look forward to seeing you.