

Benediction

As you follow the star on your journey, don't look for the holy in places of power and prestige. Instead, pay attention to the ordinary, the quiet places. There, may you be overcome with joy, and share your gifts with creation.

Choral Benediction.....Love Has Come.....

Postlude

Welcome To Our Service

- + We welcome you to our service today. For more information on the programs offered here at First United Methodist Church please visit our website at www.fortmethodist.org.
- + For more information on any of our activities please visit the "Events" tab on the church website.
- + If you have trouble hearing the worship service or reading the bulletin we have hearing devices available. Please ask an usher.
- + If you would like us to contact you please make sure to fill in your contact information on the Communication Card which is in the worship folder.
- + There is coffee available in the Chapel from 11:00 - 11:30. Please join us. We would love to meet you.

10:00 am Worship Today

- + Preaching: Pastor Maribel Celiz
- + Organist: Brenda Nitardy
- + Liturgist: Tim or Jane Haak
- + Coffee Hour Host: Diane Abendroth

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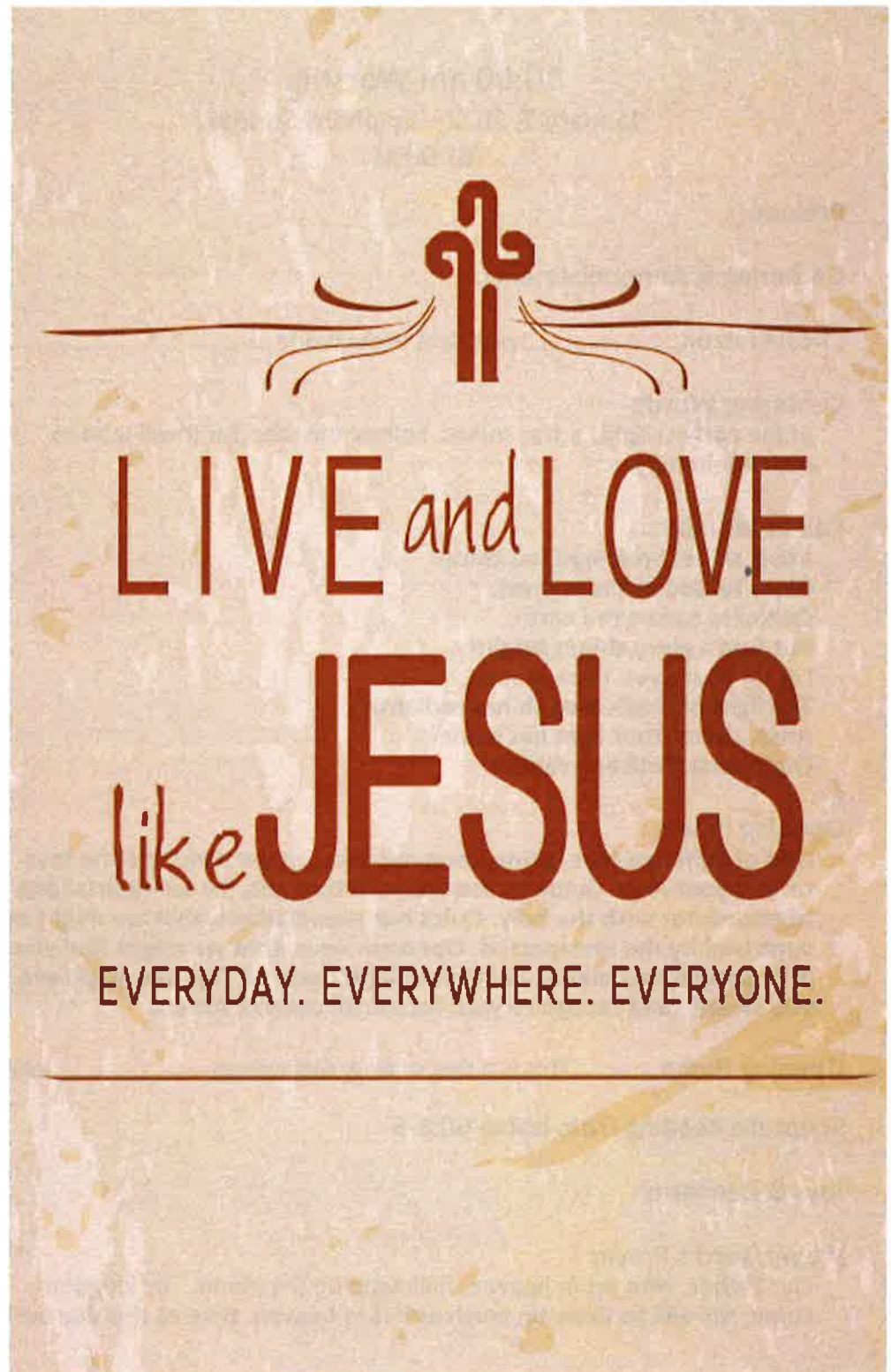


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10:00 am Worship
January 2, 2022—Epiphany Sunday
87.9 FM

Prelude

Gathering & Announcements

Choral Introit.....Jesus Light of the World.....#383

Centering Words

In the darkest light, a star shines. Follow this star, for it will lead to overwhelming joy.

Call to Worship

Arise, shine! Your light has come!

Glory to God in the highest.

Darkness covers the earth,

But God's glory shines brightly.

Lift up your eyes. Look around.

The light of God's love shines radiantly.

Arise, shine! Your light has come!

Our hearts thrill and rejoice!

Opening Prayer

God of light and love, shine upon our lives, as we welcome the mystery of your love. Guide us toward your true gift, for our hearts long to encounter with the holy. Quiet our expectations, that we might be surprised by the unexpected. Open our eyes, that we might find you in unanticipated places. Shine your light upon us, that we might see you clearly, and recognize your face in all people. Amen.

Opening Hymn.....This Is a Day of New Beginnings.....#383

Scripture Reading from Isaiah 60:1-6

Joys & Concerns

Prayer/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.

Moment with Children

Choral Anthem.....Still, Still, Still.....#254

Hymn.....We Three Kings.....#254

Scripture Reading from Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon.....Overwhelmed with Joy.....#2162

Communion

Affirmation of Faith

(Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholicchurch, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Invitation to the Offering

The wise travelers brought their gifts to honor the promised child. Let us bring the gifts of our lives, in gratitude for God's bright light of love.

Offering Prayer

Giver of every gift, source of all goodness and light, we open the treasure chests of our hearts before you. We offer you gifts of gold, to care for those in need. We offer you gifts of love, to serve a suspicious world. Bless our gifts and our lives, and use them to love and heal the world. Amen.

Closing Hymn.....Grace Alone.....#2162

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to our God.

It is right to give our joyful thanks and praise.

We thank you, creating God for the great light of your love. When you called forth creation, you said, "Let there be light" and you saw that it was good. You divided the light from darkness and created the sun, moon, and stars to light the sky. It was good, as all your creation was good. When your people suffered in bondage and oppression, you led them out of slavery. You lit the way to freedom with a pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. You gave them your commandments to light their way, As they strove to become a community of justice and righteousness. When your people turned from your light, you were still faithful, loving them always. You sent prophets to call them back to the world's true light. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we sing your praises.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You sent Jesus to us, the light of the world. He promised that those who followed him would never walk in darkness, but would have the light of life. The light of his life shone on all people. Revealing the truth of your love. He fed the hungry, cured the sick, ate with sinners, and proclaimed your truth.

Before he was betrayed, he gathered with his friends for a meal. Taking the bread, he gave thanks to you and broke it. He gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat. I am with you now and forever.

Let this meal feed you. Remember me as you eat."

Then he took the cup, blessed it, And shared it with his followers, saying, "This is the cup of the new covenant, given for the forgiveness of sins. It is a gift for you and for all people. It is my love offered for you. Drink of this and remember me."

And so, as we remember Jesus, light of the world, teacher, healer, guide, and friend; we offer ourselves into Christ's service, that we too might radiate God's light, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the living presence of Jesus Christ, light of the world, our hope for all creation.

Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may become the body of Christ, as we serve creation and reflect the light of your love.

Make us one with Jesus, and one with each other, as we walk in the light, singing our praises. Through Jesus Christ, light of the world, and through the Holy Spirit, radiance divine, all praise is yours, eternal God, now and forever, world without end. Amen.

The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

First United Methodist Church
Announcements in Brief
January 2, 2022

Announcements:

+Un-decorate the Church: Today after service we will be un-decorating the church. Please stay after worship and help. Many hands makes the work go much faster.

+Help for Victims of Tornadoes: The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is on the ground assisting victims of the tornadoes in Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee. If you would like to help with a monetary donation please make the check payable to FUMC and write Tornado in the memo or on the envelope.

+ Coffee Hour Treats: If you would like to make treats for coffee hour there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the office hallway.

+Thank You: We would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and treats that we received for Christmas.
Pastor Maribel, Pastor Modesto, Eileen, Kate, Scott, Brenda & Karen.

Lord, We Lift Our PRAYERS To You!

For our members & friends...

God has called us to support each other in prayer and so each week we list members and friends from our fellowship so we can all pray for them.



Curtis Abendroth
Eric Hathaway
Carmen Saldana

Sarah Crossman
Joan McGinnis
Thomas van Zanten

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations...

Concerns & celebrations that have been shared with us:

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations:

Bernice Neff—In Hospice Care

Evelyn Robb – Comfort Care

Mason Kent—Health Concerns/Waiting for Test Results

Heinz Family—Some of the Family has Covid

Please write your prayer concerns on the back of the Communication Card that you will find in the bulletin. Place the Card in the offering plate. We will begin praying for your concern on Monday.

If you would like to be part of our e-prayer chain please make the request on the Communication Card or email office@fortmethodist.org and you will be added to the list of emails receiving the prayer concerns.