

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad to have you worship with us today. We are practicing safer worship together, following COVID-19 protocols for in-person gatherings. Please observe the following.



**WEAR A
FACE MASK**



**DON'T SHAKE
HANDS**



**KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE**



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**

Childcare: All children are welcome in our service. Parents please keep your children with you or at the activity tables. Our nursery is currently closed.

Communion: Our communion is open to all who seek to follow in the way of Jesus. Our communion cups are filled with grape juice and the wafers are gluten free.

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LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jan. 16	10:45 AM	Second Sunday after Epiphany worship
Jan. 16	12:00 PM	Blessing of the Prayer Chalice slips
Jan. 16	6:00 PM	MLK, Jr. Community Worship on YouTube @ Central Christian Church, Lexington
Jan. 17	all day	MLK Day. The office will be closed.
Jan. 18	8:00 AM	MSU classes begin
Jan. 18	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible Study on Zoom
Jan. 20	7:00 PM	Vespers (Zoom)

WE ARE DISCIPLES

We are Disciples.....
We prepare God's table for all,
as it was prepared for us.
We embrace the old,
the heartsick,
the outcast,
the different.
We believe Love wins....

MinisterRev. Nancy Gowler
Music Director:Genny Jenkins
PianistGenny Jenkins
Liturgist: Yvonne Baldwin
Elder: Yvonne Baldwin
Greeter:Susan Whidden
Audio/Visual TeamEthan Jenkins, Wiley Tanner



STAR WORDS FOR EPIPHANY

Inspired by the story of the Magi following a star, the practice of star words for Epiphany has become a common Christian prayer practice for a new year. Star words can serve as a guide, one more way to discover God in our world, dwelling alongside us.

You may pick out a star word by the front entrance to the sanctuary near the elevator. There are optional weekly emails with reflection questions and prayer prompts to aid in your own spiritual discernment. You may sign up there to receive these weekly prayer guides.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Epiphany - the revealing of God in everyday, ordinary lives and in the unexpected corners of our world. During the season of Epiphany we look for the Light of the World pushing through the shadows and finding its way into our lives.



*The Wedding at Cana, Giuseppe Maria Crespi, 1686
Art Institute of Chicago*

January 16, 2022 Second Sunday after Epiphany

For thousands of years, First People have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Shawnee, Cherokee, and Osage people, past, present, and emerging, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

**indicates the congregation stands in body and/or spirit*

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Welcome Rev. Nancy Gowler
Bell of Mindfulness Yvonne Baldwin
Prelude *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* Genny Jenkins
*Call to Worship Yvonne Baldwin

In this very moment we gather as friends--

People of God, gathered and gifted!

In this room and far beyond, we each have our gifts.

Gifts of God's Spirit, to be unwrapped and celebrated.

Used for the common good,
our gifts enact God's grace and Jesus' love.

Our gifts will tell the Good News story! Amen! Amen!

*Opening Prayer Yvonne Baldwin

*Song of Prayer *In This Very Room* #295

Prayers of Confession and Assurance Rev. Nancy Gowler

Lord of the feast, generous and welcoming,
you are a God of second chances.

Hear us as we offer our confession
and open our hearts to your grace.

When we are less than generous--

fill us with your love.

When we are less than life affirming--

fill us with your peace.

When we are less than faithful--

fill us with your Spirit.

Fill us that we might be changed,
transformed into sources of light and life in our neighborhoods,
recreated into your people,
a community which is a cause for celebration. Amen.

SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reading Psalm 36:5-10 Yvonne Baldwin

Listen for God's word coming to us in Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Anthem *Many Gifts, One Spirit* Choir
Allen Pote

Gospel Reading John 2:1-12 Rev. Nancy Gowler

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Carrying the Water* Rev. Nancy Gowler

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

*Song of Response *Take My Gifts* #381

Prayers of the People Yvonne Baldwin

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.

Invitation to Communion Rev. Nancy Gowler

Peace be with you!

And also with you!

....All are welcome at Christ's table.

Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.

Words of Institution Rev. Nancy Gowler

Communion Prayer Yvonne Baldwin

The Sharing

Communion Meditation *Bread of Heaven* Genny Jenkins

*Benediction Rev. Nancy Gowler

*Choral Response *Let There Be Peace on Earth* #677

*Postlude *Take My Gifts* Genny Jenkins

OUR PRAYERS

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

For those who desire our prayers:

The family and friends of Carlos Hill, David Embry, Katie Parker, Tiffany Buckner Sholar, Ronni Gilpin, Amanda Baldwin, Ben Webb, Cate Cook, Elwood Caudill Sr., Maggie Miles, Ned Breschel, Hedy Caldwell, Eva Johnston

Prayer concerns and joys may be shared with the office.

Concerns will be posted.

Season of Epiphany



AT HOME FOR FAMILIES

READ: This is what happened when Jesus, his mother, and some of his friends were at a wedding and they ran out of wine to drink at the reception. Jesus's mother suggested he help out.

Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

--John 2:7-10 (NRSV)

WONDER: I wonder how the people at the wedding felt when the party began?

I wonder how the bride and groom felt when they ran out of wine to drink?

I wonder if it was hard for them to follow Jesus's direction to fill the jars with water?

I wonder how the groom felt when he heard about the new wine?

I wonder what it was like to be at a wedding with Jesus?

I wonder how long the celebration lasted?

SAY: The good news is that Jesus shows us how much God loves us.

PRAY: Let's pray. Dear God, thank you for stories that remind us that the big celebrations in our lives are important to you, that we matter to you, and that you love us. Help us to make room at our tables for others who need to know you care for them, too. Amen.

EXTEND

- Ask members of your family to tell you a story about a wedding they've attended.
- Scholars think the jars that were filled with water held between 20 and 30 gallons. What's the largest pitcher in your kitchen? How many gallons does it hold?
- Read *No Dogs Allowed* by Linda Ashman. Illustrated by Kristin Sorra. Sterling Children's Books, 2011.