

Prayer of Preparation

Beyond all question,
the mystery from which true
godliness springs is great:
He appeared in the flesh,
was vindicated by the Spirit,
was seen by angels,
was preached among the nations,
was believed on in the world,
was taken up in glory.
Today we come to worship
and enter into the mystery that you
have come to us Lord Jesus so that
we might believe in you.
May it be that all the world would
see your salvation.

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Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today and would love to keep in touch. After worship, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Kindess Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments for next Sunday: Goodness Group.
Contact Karen Rominger 828-963-7732.

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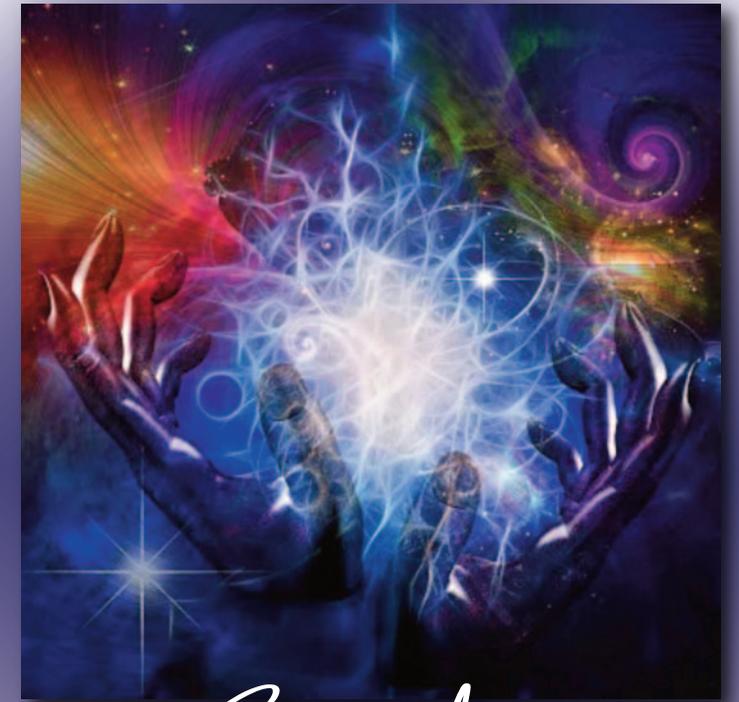
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Epiphany

Service for the Lord's Day 9 January 2022

* Congregation Stands



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GREETING

Leader: *The Lord be with You.*

All: *And also with you.*

PRELUDE

Perfect Love (by Josh Garrels)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 143:1-2

(in unison) Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** *O Love That Will Not Let me Go*

*O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*

*O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Light has come into the world, and people loved
darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.
We are those people so let us confess our sin to God in
whose light we see the light.*

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we
have sinned against you and one another in both our
action and inaction. We recognize that Jesus Christ, the
light of the world, has come,yet we often choose to walk
in darkness and the shadow of death. Forgive our sins
and take away the veil of darkness that lays heavy on***

***our lives. Turn on the light of your love by your Word
and Sacrament,so that we may rise with the glory of
our King. Amen.***

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*The true light that gives light to everyone was coming
into the world. All who received him, who believed in
his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

* **PASSING THE PEACE**

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *We Will Feast in
the House of Zion*

Refrain: *We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

*We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up*

Refrain

*In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength*

Refrain

*Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom*

Refrain

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON *Luke 3:1-22;
Preparation and Seeing*

* **COMMUNION HYMN** *#461 In Remembrance*

* **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Leader: Therefore we join our voices with all the
saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.*

***All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes In the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN OF SENDING** *#488 Just as I Am*

* **BENEDICTION**