

The Church of the Red Rocks - United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Faith Community

January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Look! Look up, O Jerusalem! The world is coming, running to walk in your Light. We are the sparkling and the dull, the border agents and the undocumented, the kings and the drifters.

Lord, please shine your light on us all. Let your star chase away our darkness and fill us with your radiant love. Make us your epiphanies overflowing with wonderful care for each other.

By Anne Osdieck

THE WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Whoever you are or wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

PRELUDE *"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"* arr. John Ferguson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Steve Canipe

O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Savior.

**Make our hearts leap with joy, and fill our mouths with songs of praise,
that we may announce glad tidings of peace, and welcome the Christ in our midst.**

***THE OPENING CAROL** No. 126

(vs 1,3 & 4)

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Steve Canipe

CAROL Chalice Hymnal No. 172

(Vs 1)

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Canipe

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery. Visit our rest with disturbing dreams, and our journeys with strange companions. Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom bearing profound and unusual gifts. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Mathew 2:1-12

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ANTHEM

"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

arr. Keith Christopher
CRR Chancel Choir

MEDITATION "Get Up, Be of Good Courage, Live to God's Glory "

Rev. Dr. David Stabenfeldt

COMMUNION SONG

"Room at the Table"

Carrie Newcomer
Adara Knelange, soloist

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This table is open to all people. All are welcome. Gluten free bread is available at the front.

DIALOGUE

May God be with you
And also with you.

Lift your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.
We freely give God thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy are you, Eternal One.
You sit above, though, within the circle of the earth
Setting light into being
Casting the stars in the sky
Founding the evolving earth
And all that dwell within it.

Limitless is your power,
And great is your wisdom.
You look upon the lowly
As your most cherished creatures.
You visit upon the downtrodden
With presence, grace, and the promise of eternal justice.

You sent to us your own child, Jesus,
Who reached into unexpected places,
Calling women beyond the limits of their times
Equipping men for nurturing love
Welcoming children into your holy embrace.

And so, we recall that on the night of betrayal and desertion,
The light of the world took bread, broke and gave it to the disciples,
saying:

“This is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And, in like manner, after supper,
Jesus took the cup and after giving thanks give it to them saying,

“This is the cup of the new covenant [in my blood]
poured out for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink of it,
for the remembrance of me.”

Life’s greatest feast before us,
We excitedly proclaim:

Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again.

PRAYER

***Lord’s Prayer (sung)**

Our Father, which 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

All Are Welcome to Partake of Christ’s Feast

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:
We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence.
We have been led, Eternal One, by your light.
May we bask in this glow
Now and forevermore. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion for Season after Epiphany was written by the Rev. Kaji Douša, a United Church of Christ Pastor who serves as a pastor of Park Avenue Christian Church in New York City.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY (Baskets are available as you exit the sanctuary)

***PARTING CAROL** No.148 (vs 1-3)

"What Child Is This?"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *"We Three Kings"* (vs 5)

POSTLUDE *"The First Noël"* arr. John Carter

We want to keep our beloved members and friends in our prayers during this holiday season. Please pray for:

Christy D. • RuthAnn R. • Gertrude M. • Wendell V. • Lew H. • Nancy H. • Ronaldo • Davis H. • John & Antonia S. • John M. • Clair R. •

January 19 - There will not be a regular morning service but the church will be open if anyone would like to come and pray.

The Installation of Pastor Guillermo will take place at 2:30pm. Please plan to attend this blessed covenant.

Visitors, before you leave, visit our welcome table and help us stay in contact with you by filling out the Visitor Contact Card.

Our Mission

Through Christian Worship, Education and Mission, we share and celebrate Faith in God with all.

What's Going On

For more information about what is happening at the church visit our website or subscribe to the Canyon Echo, our weekly newsletter.

Here are a few of things happening this week:

Mon: 12:45pm *The EDGE - Zoom Meeting*
Tue: 11am *Bible Study at Sedona Winds*
Wed: 10:30am *Movie Discussion by SUUF*
Thu: 9:30am *Stephen Ministry*
 1pm *Bible Study at CRR*
 3:30pm *Handbell Choir Rehearsal*
Fri: 9am *Yin Yoga*
 10:30am *Book Club*

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