

February 9, 2020 Epiphany Season of Light 9:45 AM

PRELUDE John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

SHARING OUR FELLOWSHIP Dan Griset

INTROIT *Wind Upon the Waters* Chancel Choir
By Marty Haugen

CALL TO WORSHIP Miguel Magaña, Liturgist

One: Jesus had a way of taking small and insignificant everyday things and transforming them into matters of great importance.

Many: **By calling disciples Salt and Light, Jesus transforms us into agents for God's reign of love, peace and justice in the world.**

One: Faithful disciples can go a long way toward changing the world. Let us seek to be one of them.

Many: **First, we have to be willing to be changed ourselves by the transforming spirit of Christ.**

One: Let us open ourselves to the Spirit in our time together in worship that we may grow in faith.

Prayer: **God of Infinite Light, you have not called us to be who we are not, but to be the ones we are meant to be. Assist us to know who we are and what we can do, that our light may shine more clearly as individuals and as a congregation. We gather to make doubts and fear disappear and faith increase, that others may be drawn to the Light we know as Christ. Amen.**

OPENING SONG (stand if able) *Let the Walls Fall Down*

Please greet those around you after the song, then be seated.

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Mike Holland

ANTHEM *Bridge Over Troubled Water* Chancel Choir
By Paul Simon, Arr. by Kirby Shaw

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Pastor Kel

CHURCH SCHOOL Children & Youth excused to classes
Go, our children, with our blessing, God's light to be. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here the Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you. Go, our children, with our blessing, God's light to be.

MORNING PRAYERS
Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Aramaic Lord's Prayer (Unison)

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos, focus your light within us. Create your reign of unity now. Your one desire then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms. Grant what we need each day in bread and insight. Loose the cords of mistakes binding us, as we release the strands we hold of other's guilt. Don't let surface things delude us, but free us from what holds us back. From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life to do, the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews. Truly--power to these statements--may they be the ground from which all our actions grow. Amen.

Quiet Meditation

READINGS

Gospel of Matthew 5:13-16:

¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

Gospel of Thomas: 32; 33:2-3:

A city fortified and built on a high hill cannot fall, nor can it be hidden.

²No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, nor does one put it in a hidden place. ³Rather, one puts it on a lampstand so that all who come and go will see its light.

MESSAGE

Public Faith

Pastor Mike Holland

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

We Are the Light of the World

(Please stand if able)

A TIME FOR GIVING

(Online giving is an option through churchofthefoothills.org)

Offertory John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

Receiving of Gifts (please stand if able)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

give thanks for the Holy One,

Give thanks because God's given so much love to us.

(repeat)

(ending) Give Thanks!

BENEDICTION

Pastor Mike Holland

CONGREGATIONAL/CHORAL RESPONSE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Repeat)

POSTLUDE

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal