

**Epiphany Sunday  
January 8, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

**Gathering for God's Word**

Prelude

\*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Song of Praise

#2173, "Shine, Jesus, Shine," vs 1, 3

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word  
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me

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**Announcements**

**Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell**

## Preparing for God's Word

### \*Call to Worship

[based on 1 Timothy 3: 16]

Leader: Christ manifested in the flesh, Christ was justified by the Holy Spirit.

**People: Praise the Lord, all you nations.**

Leader: Christ was contemplated by the angels, Christ was preached throughout the nations.

**People: Praise the Lord, all you nations.**

Leader: Christ is believed in around the world, Christ is exalted in glory.

**People: Praise the Lord, all you nations.**

### \*Hymn of Adoration

#634, "To God Be the Glory"

To God be the glory  
Great things He has done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father  
Through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory  
Great things He has done

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1987

Music: William Howard Doane, 1875

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### Prayer of Confession

*[time of silent confession]*

**All: Merciful God, through faith you have grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life. But Lord, too often we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow our past to hold us hostage and we are reluctant to welcome the**

**newness that comes from you. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you have made to us so that we may live as your people, and truly be your hands and feet in this world. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

[based on 1 John 1: 5-7]

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

**People: If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Leader: In Christ we are forgiven! Praise God!

## Hearing God's Word

### Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."

After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

### \*Hymn of Preparation

#662, "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies," vs. 1, 3

Christ, whose glory fills the skies:  
Christ, the true, the only light  
Sun of righteousness, arise:  
Triumph o'er the shades of night  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Visit, then, this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief  
Fill me, Radiancy divine!  
Scatter all my unbelief  
More and more Thyself display  
Shining to the perfect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740

Music: German folk melody; adpt. Johann Werner, 1815; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847  
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### Prayer of Illumination

### New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles —

2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4 In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. 8 Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. 10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Sermon

"Epiphany.... Stuck on You"

## Responding to God's Word

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Prayer Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ

**All: In sending Christ, the light of the world into the world you revealed your glory to the nations. Through Christ, the gates of salvation have been thrown open. Just as the Magi were welcomed at the cradle of the Christ child, so God welcomes us into his covenant of blessing. Jesus took upon himself the full consequences of our sinfulness— even the agony of abandonment by God— in order that we might be spared. But our Lord could not be held by the power of death. Jesus rose again, triumphant from the grave, in newness of life. He has showed his hands and feet in order that we might know that the one who was crucified is the Lord and Savior of the world. Your signs and witnesses in every age have led people from every place to worship him. In this meal we celebrate how through Christ we have become your children, baptized**

**into your service.**

Word's of Institution  
Sharing the Elements  
Prayer of Praise  
The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Offering

Offertory  
Anthem

“Christ be all Around,” City Church San Francisco

\*Response

#606, The Doxology, “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Dedication

### Hymn of Response

#366, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” 1, 2, 3

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast.  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore they temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.  
Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.  
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### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

#136, "Go Tell it On the Mountain," [refrain, vs. 3, refrain]

Refrain:  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

Text: African America spiritual: stanzas, John W. Work II, 1940  
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### \*Postlude

### \*Please Stand if Able