# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

# Third Sunday After the Epiphany January 26, 2020

# Come and See Jesus's Light

Prelude and Tolling of the Bell

Coming of the Light

Welcome and Announcements: Life and Work of the Community

Call to Worship: Christ is our light, our way in the dark.

Come to the light of Christ.

Christ calls us here, to worship and to pray.

Come and answer Christ's call.

Christ leads us forth, to teach and to heal.

Come and worship our God!

\*Hymn of Praise....."Jesus Calls Us"....#398

### Prayer of Confession

You are our light, our salvation, the stronghold that lifts us up. When our light dims from division and anger, shine upon us with your grace. When our light fades from confusion and doubt, encourage us with your hope. When our light recedes behind sin and regret, heal us with your mercy and truth. O Lord, we pray, that we would no longer walk in darkness, that we would cease to be divided from you and from one another. In your face, we see a great light in our darkness. In your love, we are unified and made one with you, one with each other, and in one ministry to the world. In your grace, we become people of light. May it be so. Amen.

- (all offer prayers of confession in silence) -

Assurance of Pardon

God is our light and our salvation. In Christ, we no longer walk in darkness or division, but are called forth to unity and love, to light and life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are loved and forgiven!

# In the name of Jesus Christ, you are loved and forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

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*Psalter	"Psalm 27:1-10"	UMH 758
*Hymn	"Glory Be to the Father"	#71
Children's Message	"Jesus Loves Me"	#191
Prayers of the People and Pastoral Blessing and Prayer The Lord's Prayer		
† Anthem		RUMC Chancel Choir

#### **Hear Jesus's Call**

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Light of the world, shine upon us through the Word spoken this morning. Break through the clouds that fog our minds and confuse our lives, so that we may hear you calling to us with clarity, see the path you have before us with focus, and feel your warming presence guiding our steps to live as your people of love. Amen.

Epistle Lesson	Isaiah 9:1-4
New Testament Lesson	Matthew 4:12-23
Sermon	"PFG: Performance Fishing for God"

#### **Respond to Jesus's Invitation**

- \*Hymn of Affirmation..."I Have Decided to Follow Jesus".....#2129
- \*Affirmation of Faith...."The Apostles' Creed".....#881

# Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology....#95

#### **Go and Invite Others**

\*Hymn of Joy....."He Leadeth Me".....#128

\*Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able † Bethel UMC only

# Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today at 3pm at Union UMC there will be a Listening Session and a small group discussion centered around what your hopes and concerns are for the SC delegates attending the 2020 General Conference. Please register online at: https://www.umcsc.org/gc2020listen/
- ❖ Feb. 23 at 3pm there is a live, online session at: <a href="https://www.umcsc.org/gc2020/">https://www.umcsc.org/gc2020/</a>
- ❖ Today at 5pm Bethel UMC will have a Trustee's Meeting.
- ❖ Following at 6pm there will be Bethel's quarterly Church Council Meeting.
- ❖ Wednesdays at 9am come join our DISCIPLE: Bible Study.
- \* Next Sunday is Communion Sunday! Invite someone to Come and See!
- ❖ Feb. 16 at 4pm there is a PPRC Team Meeting at Bethel UMC.

Lectionary Readings for (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany):
Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of Thanksgiving

<sup>\*</sup>Dismissal with Blessing- Benediction

<sup>\*</sup>Going Forth of the Light

## **Our Mission Statement:**

The mission of Bethel United Methodist Church & Monticello UMC is to make each and every man, woman, and child whom we reach aware of God's love for them as it is revealed to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and to give them an opportunity to worship and to serve our Lord.

# The Churches Are in Prayer For:

Monticello UMC- Carol & Ray Ball, Elen Bradley, Mack Bradley, Allen Brock, Sammie Burley, the Cassellas Family, Darlene Coker, Robert Davis, Noelani Dirnbauer, Nita Goff, Lenny Goldman, Lindsey Gunter & the Gunter family, Sandra Harrison, Carolyn Hinson, Jenny and Quinn Kaderly, Kevin Knight, Bobby Mack, Sam Mack, Kenny Martin, Sharon Marler, Audrey Miles, Will Pope, Anne Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Marion Robinson, Eddie & Sybil Robinson, Carole Sinkbeil, Bruno Schrieber, James Shugart, Calvin Stanley, Peggy Steller

Bethel UMC- Loen Arrington, Joan Baber, Bob Bazinet, Lucas Bech, Betty Jo & Harry James Beckham, Donovan Cassellas & the Cassellas family, Majorie Cook, Sherry Crosby, Billy and Diane Dove, Cathy Estes, William Hobgood, Wesley Jones, Stephen Keller, Lila Lake, Paul Leitner, Rev. Shane Martin's Family, Frank Martin, Jackie McDaniel, Debra Obert, Sherrill Perry, Joan and Martin Phipps & the Phipps family, Greg Robertson, Pastor Terry Roof & The Roof Family, Brooks Smith, Anne Stewart, Ford Sweeney, Toby Warpole, unity in our county, state, nation, and world.

#### **Special Thanks for:**

#### Music

Monticello UMC Pianist, Dorcas Ligon † Bethel UMC Pianist, Ben Hornsby & BUMC Choir: John Glass, Lewis Hobgood, Melinda Truesdale, and Carol Martig † Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Pam Faile

† January Security

Melinda Truesdale

The Fairfield Circuit United Methodist Churches welcome all who enter to worship here. Our prayer is that you find us churches of having "open hearts, open minds, and open doors." If you are visiting and looking for a church to call your home, this Fairfield Circuit church invites you to prayerfully consider our family of faith. If you are a member of another United Methodist congregation or a baptized member of another denomination, we will be delighted to receive you by transfer of letter. If you have not been baptized, we would rejoice to have you proclaim your faith in Jesus Christ and begin your Christian journey with us. We welcome all requests to consider membership and we are more than happy to visit with you at your invitation.

James B. Rogers, Pastor Ministers: All Members

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