

**First Congregational
United Church of Christ
River Falls, Wisconsin**

January 6, 2022



The Day of Epiphany

Unfailing Light
An Evening Setting of Holy Communion

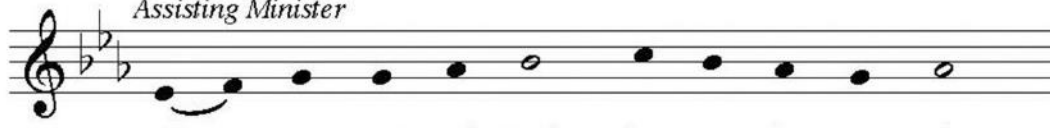
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Gathering

Welcome


*Call to Worship and Praise

Assisting Minister




O ser - vants of God, let us sing our praise.

All




We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister




From the ris - ing of the sun to its set - ting,

All




We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister




You lift up the weak and hun - gry.

All



We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister *All*



And your glo - ry shines a - bove the heav - ens We



bless your ho - ly name, O God.

*Evening Song



Choir 1. Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each
 All (2. You) walk with us a - long the way, your
 All (3. Re-) freshed by sab - bath rest this night, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing
 Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now at
 wak - en us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ, un -



on the night, and all cre - a - tion sings your
 close of day, our un - known guest, our host and
 fail - ing Light, where peace and jus - tice are at



praise. You formed the moon and fired the sun, you
 feast. Grant those who share this eve - ning meal the
 home and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick - ened dust with ho - ly breath, and
 faith and vi - sion to be - lieve that
 sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O



bind - ing us to your dear Son, re -
 hearts might see what eyes con - ceal: by
 mer - ci - ful, im - mor - tal One, O



	1., 2.	3.

newed our life, de - stroyed our death. 2. You
 grace your pres - ence we re - ceive. 3. Re -
 bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

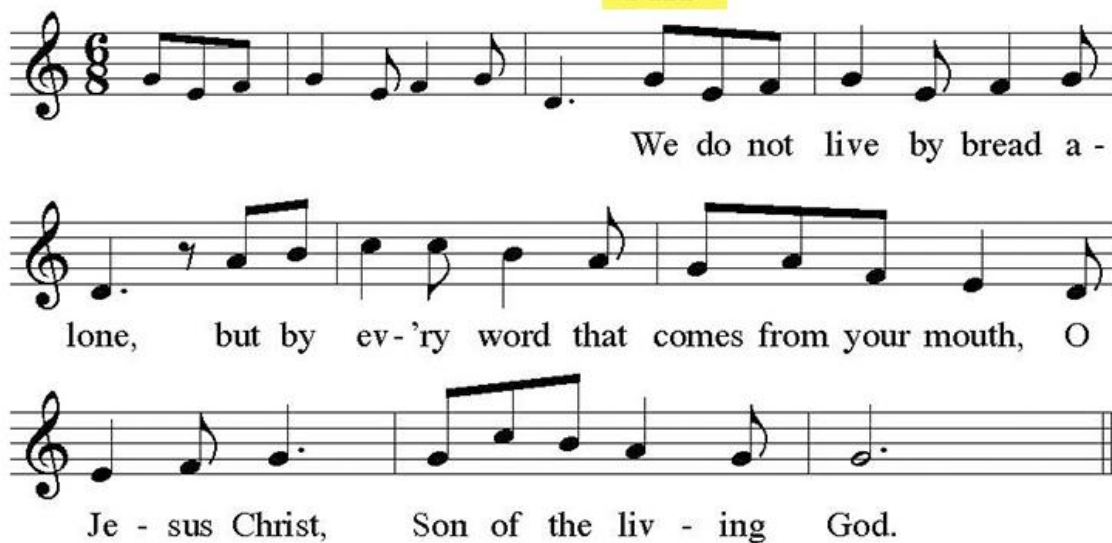
Gracious God, **a star shining in the darkness made your Son known to us. And yet we confess that we have preferred darkness to light; our own plans and purposes to your guidance and direction; our own pride and will to your way and truth. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us wisdom to see your light in the dark places of our lives and in our world. Give us the courage to follow where you lead. Amen.**

The Word

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

All



We do not live by bread a -
lone, but by ev-'ry word that comes from your mouth, O
Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.


The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Homily

Prayers and Peace

Intercessions

Refrain: First time cantor, all following verses



Watch, O Lord, with all those a - wake this night,
Watch, O Lord, with all those who weep; Give your
an-gels and saints charge o-ver all who sleep.

Verses

Cantor *All* *Cantor*
in your love, Lord;

All *Cantor*
in your love, Lord;

All
in your love, O Lord of all.

Into your hands, gracious God, we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy made known to us in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Greetings of Peace

The Meal

*Gathering for the Meal

Choir 1. The eyes of all look to
All 2. To all who hun - ger

you, O God, to give them life and food. You
you pro - vide the fruit of vine and field. From

o - pen wide your gra - cious hand and
these, your gifts, we set a - side a

grant them ev - 'ry good. With
por - tion for this meal, where

all cre - a - tion we pro - claim your
you draw near to those who cry, their

stead - fast love and glo - rious reign. We
heart's de - sire to sat - is - fy. We

bless your ho - ly name.
bless your ho - ly name.

*Prayer and Great Thanksgiving

We bless you, O God, gracious and merciful; You bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger that all may know your care. Prepare us now to feast upon your mercy: Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath.

A musical staff in G-clef and 8/8 time. A yellow box labeled "All" is above the first note. The melody consists of a quarter note on G4, followed by a half note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a quarter note on C5. The lyrics "We praise you, O God." are written below the staff.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the waters, across the wilderness, by night and day, out of exile, into the future.

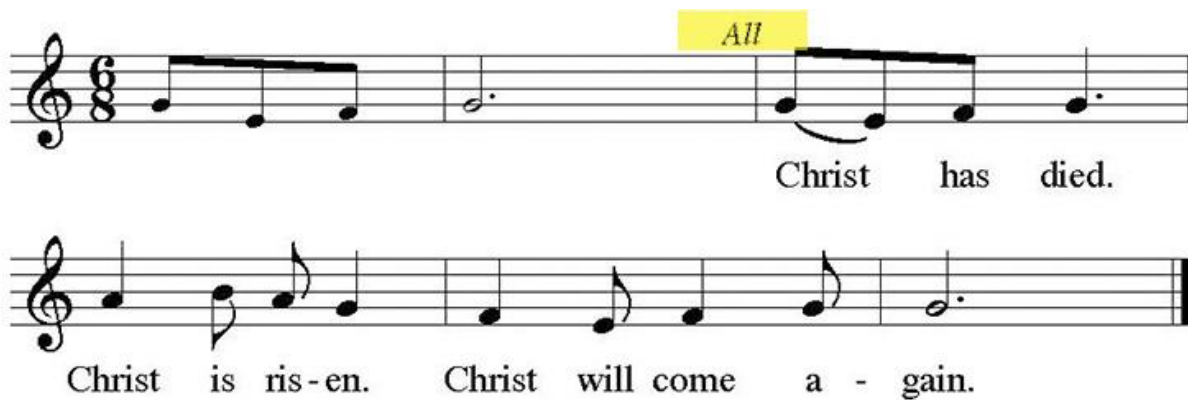
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We give you thanks for your Son: at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.

A musical staff in G-clef and 8/8 time. A yellow box labeled "All" is above the first note. The melody consists of a quarter note on G4, followed by a half note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a quarter note on C5. The lyrics "We thank you, O God." are written below the staff.

*The Words of Institution

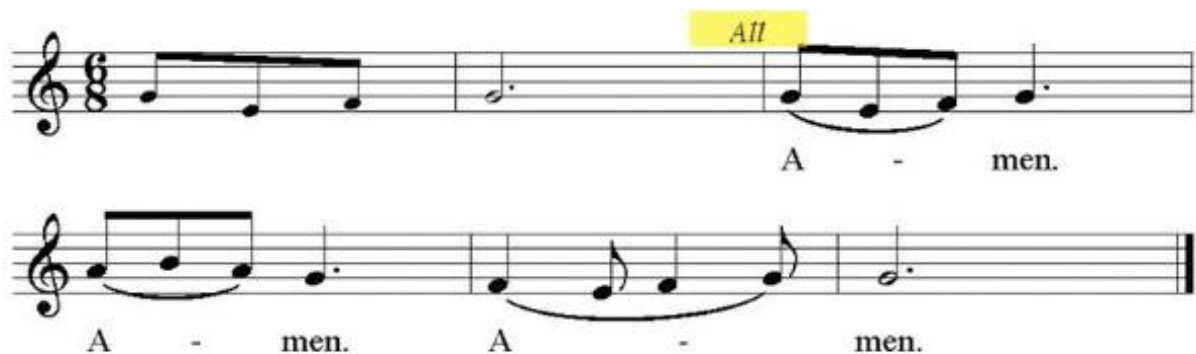
Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Musical notation for the Words of Institution. The first staff is in G-clef and 8/8 time, with a yellow highlight over the word "All". The lyrics are "Christ has died." The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain."

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering, upon this bread, within this cup, among your people, throughout the world.

Blessing, praise and thanks to you, Holy God, for your mercy, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your Church, without end.



Musical notation for the word "Amen". The first staff is in G-clef and 8/8 time, with a yellow highlight over the word "All". The lyrics are "A - men." The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "A - men. A - men."

Gathered around the table by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us eat.

Distribution Hymns

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Em C , Em A D ,
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

Live in Charity

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

F C Dm Gm C 3 F
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

*Post Communion Hymn

By Your Hand

All



Choir 1. By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of
All 2. In this meal we taste your sweet - ness, bread for
All 3. Send us now with faith and cour - age to the



an - gels, heav - en's bread; for these gifts we did not
hun - ger, wine of peace; ho - ly Word and ho - ly
hun - gry, lost, be - reaved. In our liv - ing and our



la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er -



flow - ing, life out - poured, giv - en as a liv - ing



to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Sending

Prayer

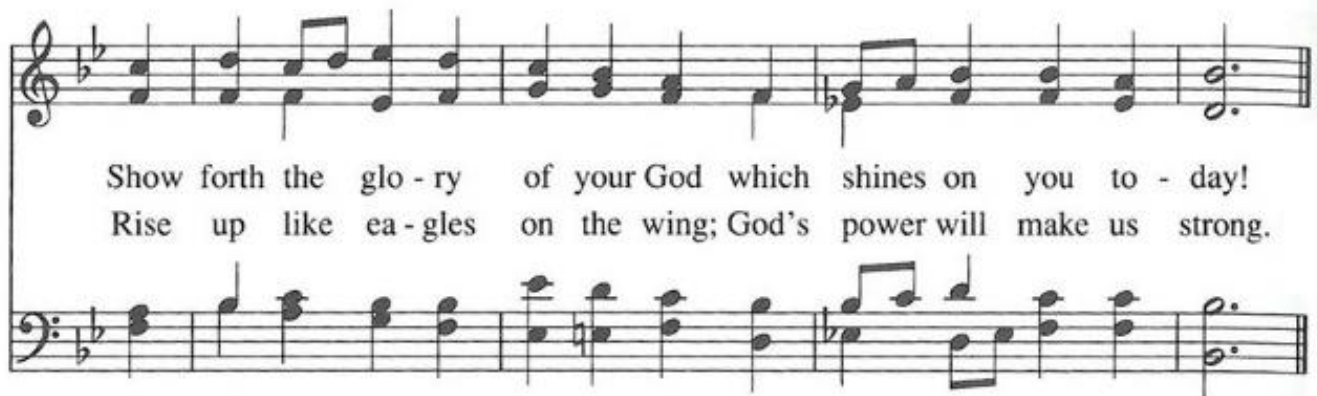
Creator of the stars of night, we give you thanks for this gift of life. Increase our faith and open our eyes that we might recognize Jesus in all whom you call us to love and serve. Abide with us as darkness deepens and be our hope and highest joy, until at last with all your saints we dwell in your unfailing Light. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Arise, Your Light Has Come



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bev;
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Blessing

May our Holy God, the Blessed Trinity, strengthen your faith, increase your hope, deepen your love, and give you peace this night and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Rest in God. Rise to serve.

Thank be to God!

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