



KNOX UNITED CHURCH
January 6th 2019

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

**Sharing the Gospel of Jesus with all
people through worship, service and care.**

As we gather for worship today, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral land of several Indigenous nations, and part of the homeland of the Metis. We respect the sacredness of our shared home and the ground on which we walk, and we are grateful for its stewardship through the centuries.

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SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 2) (sing 2X)



Come all you people, come and praise your maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your maker,
Come now and worship your God.

Word and music: Alexander Gondo, Zimbabwe, arr. John L. Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYERHYMN - *Here I Am, Lord* (VU 509)LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES 

GREETING GOD'S FAMILY



Children and youth may join
Sunday School
in the lower church hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**HOLY CONVERSATION**

Light has come into the world,
but we hug the shadows.
Love has come into the world,
but we continue to ignore.
Grace has come into the world,
but we cannot forgive.
Hope has come into the world,
but we too easily despair.
New life has come into the world,
but we keep to tired ways.
Peace has come into the world,
but still we create conflict.
Joy has come into the world,
but we choose empty promises.

HYMN - *'Twas In the Moon of Wintertime*
(VU 71)

MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING

**COMMUNION**HYMN - *A Light Is Gleaming* (VU 82)

CHOIR BENEDICTION

Go Ye Now in Peace

music by Joyce Elaine Eilers

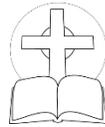
Go ye now in peace,
and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel his presence here beside you
showing you the way.
In your time of trouble,
when hurt and despair are there to grieve you,
know that the Lord will never leave you.
He will bring you courage.
Know that the God who sent his son
to die that we might live
will never leave you lost and alone
in his beloved world.
Go ye now in peace.

**POSTLUDE**

As seekers of Jesus, may we find new ways for life. On the wings of the Spirit, may our lives be lifted. In God's ongoing creation, may we hear our names spoken. Amen.

HYMN - *The First Nowell* (VU 91)

WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES



Hebrew Scriptures Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise! Shine!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Story of the Magi

ANTHEM *Videntes Stellam*

Francis Poulenc (1952) *English version* by Hugh Ross

Latin

Videntes stellam
magi gavisunt
gaudio magno
et intrantes domum
obtulerunt Domino
aurum thus et myrrham

English

Beholding the star
with joy the wise men came
and with great gladness.
they entered the house
and offered to the Lord
gold, myrrh and incense

Wexford Carol

Traditional Irish Carol, Arr. by Catherine Bennett

Good people all this Christmas time,
consider well, and bear in mind
what our good God for us has done
in sending his beloved Son.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep,
to whom God's angels did appear,
which put shepherds in great fear.

"Prepare and go," the angels said,
"to Bethlehem, be not afraid;
for there you'll find, on this happy morn,
a princely babe, sweet Jesus born.

With thankful heart and joyful mind.
the shepherds went, the babe to find,
and as God's angels had foretold,
they did our Saviour Christ behold.

Now let our songs and praises be
unto His heav'nly majesty;
and ever-more amongst our mirth,
remember Christ our Saviour's birth.

REFLECTION