

Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2021



ARISE,
SHINE;
FOR YOUR LIGHT
HAS COME,
AND THE GLORY
OF THE LORD
HAS RISEN
UPON YOU.

ISAIAH 60:1, NRSV

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Light shines in the darkness. A star guides our way to the Christ-child. Hope is born again.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

We Three Kings of Orient Are

arr. Keveren

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

People: **We are called out of our darkness into light.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

People: **We rejoice in the gift of light.**

Leader: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

All: **We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever patient God, we are people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around, bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide, injustice and oppression. The maelstrom of things and issues and people of the dark, can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us to be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star. Let the light break into our lives and our world, and transform us into people of the light.

OPENING HYMN

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

TFWS 2096

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Traditional Version

UMH 881

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING PRAYER

God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Accept these gifts of money and time, indeed, the gift of our very selves. Let them shine for all to see, and be brought into the sphere of your love and righteousness. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN OF PREPARATION

We Three Kings

UMH 254

SERMON

Rev. Dr. George Winkfield

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

The Lord's Prayer

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. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Pastoral Symphony

arr. Barnett

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

WE ARE NOW LIVESTREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE: Sundays at 10 AM on our Facebook and YouTube pages. You may call in to hear the service. If you do not receive that information from us, inform the church office that you want to be added to the call-in list.

ALL-IN-ONE COMMUNION CUPS will be available for pickup tomorrow, Monday, January 4. Please call the office when you are on the parking lot.

FEBRUARY SPIRE ARTICLES ARE DUE NEXT SUNDAY – January 10. Please submit your articles to Nancy W. If you are not receiving the Spire newsletter via email or snail mail, please contact the church office (410-825-0902).

IN CELEBRATION OF MYRA'S DEDICATED SERVICE AS CHURCH SECRETARY, we would like to honor her with a love gift. If you would like to contribute, please send your contributions no later than January 24, 2021 to Nancy Gillotti, 10 B Choate Court, Towson, MD 21204. Please make checks payable to LRUMC. We will present her with the love gift on Sunday, January 31, 2021.

ALTAR FLOWERS: To place an order for altar FLOWERS, beginning in January, please email or call Judy Z. at least one week before the desired date. She will respond to confirm & for the bulletin wording. Send payment directly to the church office with FLOWERS & the date for which they are requested in the memo. **Prices are \$40 for the bowl & \$55 for the two vases.** Call the church office to make arrangements to pick up your flowers.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY 10:

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given in celebration of Alexandra Weaver's 10th birthday.

MINISTRIES OF LOCH RAVEN CHURCH

PRAYERS: Please pray daily for our brothers and sisters in Christ and those on the Prayer List.

The member to remember this week is Norma Jones.

PRESENCE: Christmas Eve: Livestream Service - 202

December 27, 2020: Zoom Service - 45

OFFERING: \$4,030.24

LRUMC MISSION STATEMENT

"Loch Raven United Methodist Church is a multicultural community of faith, called by God to be a living witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving as stewards of God's gifts and blessings. We minister through worship, learning, fellowship and mission to the community."

MINISTERS & EVANGELISTS: The People of Loch Raven United Methodist Church
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 3

(All meetings to be held on Zoom unless otherwise noted)

Today	Going His Way Sunday School Class (teleconference)	9 AM
	Livestream Worship Service	10 AM
Monday	Women in Christ/Phyllis Downes Circles	7 PM
Tuesday	Food Pantry (Parking Lot)	11 AM – 1 PM
Wednesday	Trustees	7 PM
Thursday	Becomers Sunday School	7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 10	Going His Way Sunday School Class (teleconference)	9 AM
	Livestream Worship Service	10 AM
Jan. 12	Worship Committee	7 PM
Jan. 14	Becomers Sunday School	7 PM

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from December 27

Family of Arthur and Helen (*David B. 's cousins*)

Beverley and Family

Charles (*Maria's brother-in-law*)

Robert (*Yvonne and Gary's brother-in-law*)

Robin (*Linda's sister*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Family of Albertha (*12/20*)

David (*Merrill's brother – 12/20*)

The Cain Family (*req. by Jen – 12/13*)

Julie (*Jen's friend – 12/13*)

Dawn (*Cheryl's sister – 12/6*)

Dolores C. (*12/6*)

Family of Evelyn (*12/6*)

Hannah (*Judy F's niece – 12/6*)

Jose and David (*Jan's friends – 12/6*)

Linda (*Req. by Yvonne – 12/6*)

Margaret T. (*12/6*)

Michael K. (*12/6*)

Sharon (*12/6*)

Tommy (*brother-in-law of Peggy's daughter Amy – 10/4*)

Those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Those fighting the disease – Those who have lost loved ones

Those who have lost their jobs – Local, state and national leaders

Prayer requests will be listed for one month unless requested otherwise.