



Faith United Methodist Church

6810 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 7, 2018

10:00 a.m.

**Those Who Are Able, Please Stand The People's Responses Are in Bold Print*

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal PB=Pew Bible

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

GATHERING AND MEDITATION

As you enter and take your seat, please respect those around you who use this time to quietly center themselves and prepare their hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

The Newborn King

Gilbert Martin

(As the Prelude begins, please observe silence)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Books – Please record your attendance and pass the book to those next to you.

First Time Visitors – Please complete the yellow card & place it in the offering plate later in the service.

*HYMN

We Three Kings

UMH #254

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

We are called out of our darkness into God's light.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

We rejoice in the gift of light.

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

We come to kneel at the cradle of the Babe, the Light incarnate.

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning,
that we may see your light in the darkness.**

**Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises
of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem.**

**May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey
to find the One who will truly set us free.**

**May this time of worship bring us closer to You,
that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives.
Amen.**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(A time of welcome; please warmly greet your neighbors.)

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD AND FAITHFULLY RESPOND

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Pastor Kathryn

Children in Preschool through Grade 5 may go to Sunday School afterwards.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.

**Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding
that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

PB, OT p. 690

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light
Chancel Choir

J.S. Bach

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

PB, NT p. 2

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

PASTORAL PRAYER

**WE OFFER GOD OUR THANKS
AND RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF GRACE**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

UMH p. 12

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH p. 15-16

The Lord's Prayer

UMH p. 895

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please come forward by the side aisles at the direction of the ushers. Once you receive a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and eat it immediately. You may then return to your seat by the center aisle.

If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free communion wafers are available; let your server know if you would like one.

Offering plates are available at the front of the chancel for your gifts.

Please join in the singing of the first and last verses of the following hymns as we celebrate Holy Communion: 203, 219, 220, 221, and 242.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Almighty God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have revealed yourself to us.**

**Send us out into the world to see and bear witness to your revelation in all things,
and invite all to come, taste, and see your saving power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

Go forth, behold the revelation, and reveal it to one and all.

Jesus is the light of the world!

Christ in you is the hope of glory!

Be revealed in us, Lord Jesus!

THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (sung)**

Grant us thy peace along our homeward way.

With thee began with thee will end the day.

Guard thou our lips from sin our hearts from shame.

That in this house have called upon thy name.

POSTLUDE

March of the Kings

Carl Simone

(You are encouraged to be seated and enjoy the Postlude).



Next Sunday, January 14, we will observe Baptism of the Lord Sunday

At both services (8:45 & 10:00) we will recall Jesus' baptism and renew our own baptismal vows. Additionally, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and will receive new Members.

If you are interested in joining Faith UMC, please speak to Pastor Kathryn as soon as possible.



The January/February edition of The Upper Room is available on the table in the Narthex as are other inspirational / informational booklets.



If you are interested in serving as a Communion Server, one of the people who helps to distribute the elements during worship on Communion Sundays (first Sunday of the month), please speak to Pastor Kathryn.