

Unity Moravian Church
January 17, 2020
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Congregation Gathers for Worship

Welcome		Rev. Joe Moore
Call to Worship		
Prelude	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Maynard Surratt

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

Liturgy	Epiphany pgs. 65-69	Dana Myers
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*Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord to you we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem, in your birth at Bethlehem.
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.*

All your creatures, Lord, will praise you, and all your people will give you thanks.

They will speak of the glory of your royal power and tell of your might.

Everyone will know your mighty deeds and the glorious majesty of your kingdom.

Your rule is eternal, and you are king forever.

You, Lord, are righteous in all you do, merciful in all your acts.

You are near to those who call to you, who call to you with sincerity.

You supply the needs of all who honor you, you hear their cries and save them.

We will ever praise you, Lord, let all creation praise your holy name forever.

*Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord we offer
unto you; young and old, your praise expressing,
Sing your mercies ever new. All the saints in heav'n a-
dore you; we would bow before your throne. As your
angels serve before before you, so on earth your will be done.*

With sincere hearts and open minds, let us now acknowledge the sin that entangles us and prevents us from doing God's will.

Silent Confession

Compassionate Lord, you call us to a higher standard than we have achieved. We therefore bow in honest confession of those thoughts, words, and deeds which have missed the mark. Within our families, we have loved imperfectly. Among sisters and brothers in the church, we have not fully walked in the light. Often our congregations have not reflected the rich diversity of people in our communities. In our witness to the world, our lives have not adequately testified to your redeeming power. Forgive us, gracious Lord, for permitting ourselves to be distracted from the goal of our discipleship. Heal the brokenness of our hearts and restore us to you, our first love.

*Grant that we may love you truly; Lord our thoughts and actions
sway, and to ev'ry heart more fully your atoning pow'r display.*

There is no condemnation now for those who live in union with Christ Jesus. Hear the word of our Lord: I do not condemn you. Go, but do not sin again.

God created the heavens and stretched them out, fashioned the earth and all that lives there, and gave life and breath to all its people.

And now the Lord God says to his servant: I, the Lord, have called you and given you power to see that justice is done on earth. Through you I will make a covenant with all peoples.

Through you I will bring light to the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind,

And set free those who sit in dark prisons.

*Light of the world, come near and bless your children here below,
who in your house your name confess, on us your grace bestow.*

*Light of the world, we worship you; our gifts to you we bring;
accept our sinful hearts, O Lord, while praise to you we sing.*

God shows no partiality to race or culture. All who have reverence for him and do what is right are acceptable to God.

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.

Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son!

How great is the grace of God, which he gave to us in such large measure!

This is the good news: through Jesus' death and resurrection all people may participate in God's blessings.

We are members of the same body and share in the promise that God made through Christ Jesus.

There is no longer rich or poor, black or white, male or female; for we are all one in union with Christ Jesus.

If we belong to Christ, then we are members of God's family and will receive what God has promised.

*Church of God, elect and glorious, holy nation, chosen race,
called as God's own special people, royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling; show to all God's mighty deeds;
tell of love which knows no limits, grace which meets all human needs.*

Reading from the Psalms	<i>Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18</i>	Kay Vance
Gospel Lesson	<i>John 1:43-51</i>	
Hymn	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	# 714
Old Testament Reading	<i>1 Samuel 3:1-10</i>	Rev. Joe Moore
Message	"Calling in the Night"	
Hymn	<i>I, the Lord of Sea and Sky</i>	# 641

Our Response to God

Worship by Giving	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Maynard Surratt
Prayer Response	<i>Epiphany Prayer of Intercession</i>	pg. 70

Let us offer intercessions and petitions for the needs of the world.

Lord Jesus Christ, as disciples called to your service, we pray for the salvation of all. Lead us to bear witness to friends and neighbors in this community. Fill our words and manner of life with the convincing power of your Spirit. Intensify our love for all people that our discipleship may be confirmed as genuine. Through our obedience to your call, bestow on many the faith to be saved.

Give every gift and blessing to your witnesses in all places. May those who suffer because they have named you as Lord be strengthened to endure every temptation. Give courage, insight, and loving patience to those who have left their own people to proclaim the gospel to those yet unreached.

Savior, grant that your church may always grow in grace and in numbers. Bring multitudes from every people to bow and confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Following Our Lamb Into the World

Ministry Opportunities		Dana Myers
Congregational Announcement		Kay Vance
Hymn	<i>Lord, You Call Us to Your Service</i>	pg. 71
Benediction		Rev. Joe Moore
Postlude	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You</i>	Maynard Surratt

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Watchword Text for the Year

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

In essentials UNITY, in non-essentials, LIBERTY,
in all things, LOVE!

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