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January 5, 2025

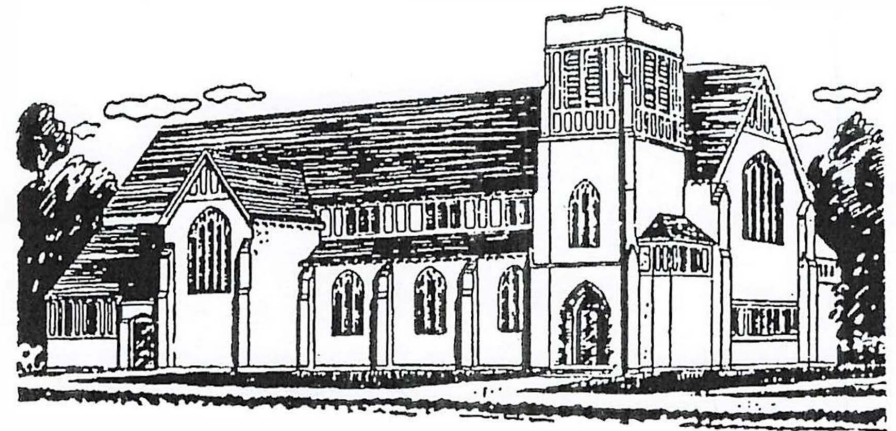
EPIPHANY
SUNDAY

January 5, 2025 (Communion)

Title: *"When the Light Breaks Through"*

Text: John 1:1-18

Synopsis: Jesus, the eternal Word, brings light into a world of uncertainty.
This first Epiphany moment reminds us to look for God's light breaking
through our current reality, offering hope and clarity for the path ahead.



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EPIPHANY SUNDAY WORSHIP

January 5th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: “The Three Kings”

Wilbur Held

Welcome and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship:

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

We have seen His glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father.

The Light shines in the darkness.

And the darkness did not overcome it.

Let us worship God, the Light of the world!

Thanks be to God!

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

VU 336

(Tune: DIX)

Prayer (together)

God of light and life, as we gather in Your presence, open our hearts to Your Word and Spirit. Shine through our uncertainties, bringing clarity to our questions and hope to our fears. May this time of worship draw us closer to You and to one another, as we embrace the newness You offer. Amen.

♪+ **Hymn:** “Jesus, the Light of the World”

(see insert)

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18

Solo: “The Prayer with Lead Us, Lord”

Words and Music: Carole Bayer Sager / David Foster

Arr. Tom Fettke

Sermon: When the Light Breaks Through

Communion Hymn: “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

VU 472

Dedication of Offering (together)

God of abundance, we offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude for the light and life You have given us. Bless what we bring today, that it may bring hope and renewal to others, reflecting Your eternal love. Amen.

Communion

Minister: Come to this table of light and hope. In a world filled with uncertainty, this table reminds us of the eternal Word who became flesh and dwells among us. Here, Christ meets us, offering clarity for our paths and nourishment for our souls. Come, for all are welcome.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Minister: Creator God, from the beginning of time, You spoke light into the darkness and brought life into being. In Jesus, the eternal Word, You sent Your light into the world, revealing Your grace and truth. Even when we turned away, Your love remained steadfast, calling us back into Your light.

People: **We praise You, O God, for Your unending light and love.**

Minister: Therefore, with angels and all creation, we join in their unending hymn of praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, “This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way, He took the cup, saying, “This is the new covenant in My blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do so in remembrance of Me.”

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving light of Christ until He comes again in glory.

Prayers of the People

♪+ Lord's Prayer (*said together*)

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Minister: The bread we break is the body of Christ,
the Light of the world.
The cup we share is the new covenant of God's love.
Come, for all is ready.

Reflective Music: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Malcolm Arnold

Prayer after the Communion (*together*)

Eternal Word, we give You thanks for this holy meal that fills us
with Your light and truth. May it sustain us as we walk into the
world as bearers of Your hope and love. Shine through us, O Christ,
that others may see Your light. Amen.

♪↑ **Hymn:** "I Am the Light of the World"

VU 87

Commissioning and Benediction

One: Go forth into the world as bearers of God's light, trusting that
Christ walks with you. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now
and always.

All: Amen.

♪↑ **Benediction Response:** "Jesus, The Light of the World" (*see insert*)
Chorus only

Postlude: "As With Gladness Men of Old" John Leavitt

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Land Acknowledgment:

We acknowledge we worship on the unceded territories of the
x_ʷm_əθk_ʷəy_əm_ (Musqueam), S_kw_x_wú7mesh (Squamish),
and Sel_íl_witulh (Tseil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for having cared
for this land and look forward to relating with them as covenant people
of God as we continue to care for this land together.

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KNOX UNITED CHURCH

Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours"
(Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the
arts, building a community without loneliness.

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