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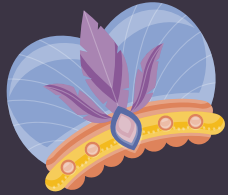
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PRELUDE

Birthday of a King
W. Neidlinger



Welcome



Upcoming celebrations!



midweek service

Thursday, January 12, midweek service resumes via YouTube.



Dr. MLK celebration

Monday, January 16, the East Front Street Alliance will hold a Dr. MLK celebration here at UPC.



Pastor's Luncheon

The next UPC Pastor's Luncheon will take place on Thursday, January 19, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Hansen Room.



Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, February 21, UPC will observe Shrove Tuesday from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm



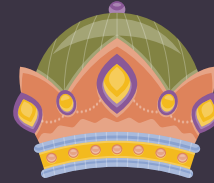
Ash Wednesday

February 22 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the UPC Daily Lenten Study.

Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us.

Let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- UNISON OPENING PRAYER



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Arise, shine, for your light has come! The glory of the Lord
has risen upon you.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Nations will come to his light, and rulers will seek his
radiance.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

He will judge the people with righteousness and defend
the cause of the poor.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The mystery of the ages is revealed; God's eternal plan is
known to all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us offer him honor, glory, and praise.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us offer him all the treasures of our hearts and our
lives.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.





PRAYER



God of endless light, you sent a
star – rising from darkness,
guiding seekers and sages,
overwhelming us with joy.

Let the splendor of your
dawning light grow in us and in
all the world until the whole
creation shines with your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.



Amen



OPENING HYMN
(G.T.G.) # 136

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

FIRST RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 27: 1-4

The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
whom shall I dread?

**When the wicked came upon me to devour my flesh,
my enemies and foes stumbled and fell.**

Though an army encamps around me, my heart will not
fear; though a war breaks out against me, I will
keep my trust.

**One thing I have asked of the LORD; this is what I
desire: to dwell in the house of the LORD all the
days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and
seek Him in His temple.**



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed
(traditional version)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.



SECOND RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 27: 5- 9

✦ For in the day of trouble, He will hide me in His shelter; He will conceal me under cover of His tent; He will set me high upon a rock.

Then my head will be held high above my enemies around me. At His tabernacle, I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, my voice when I call; be merciful and answer me.

✦ **My heart said, “Seek His face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek. Hide not Your face from me, nor turn away Your servant in anger. You have been my helper; do not leave me or forsake me, O God of my salvation.**



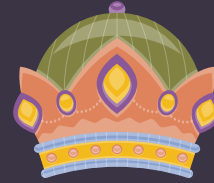
CALL TO CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters, let us humble ourselves before God and pray, confessing our sins and asking for forgiveness.



God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ, you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. God of grace, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*- UNISON PRAYER OF
CONFESSON*

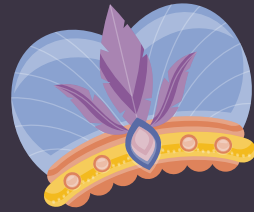


ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is
from everlasting to
everlasting.

The Lord is not willing that
any should perish, but all
should come to
repentance. In the mighty
name of the Lord Jesus
Christ, I declare that if you
have earnestly confessed
your sin and repented, you
are forgiven.





PASSING
THE PEACE



*PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION*

SERMONIC TEXT

Matthew 2: 11



On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; they knelt and paid him reverence.

Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



*SILENT
MEDITATION*

CALL TO
DISCIPLESHIP

(GJG)

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COMMUNION
HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together



INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

All glory and honor are yours, O God, for you bring life from death, joy from suffering, and dancing from mourning. We give thanks that abundant life is made known and present within us in your son Jesus, who has come to live and die as one of us, to reconcile all creation to life, and life everlasting. By him,

with him, and in him, the web of your love is made whole, and we, with it. Jesus gathered his disciples and said, "Remember me." And so we do.

We remember that he gathered not only his friends but even his betrayer around a common table, sharing the gifts of wheat and vine, the first fruits from the earth. We remember that he offered himself to us, that we may follow him even beyond death into your eternal love. Gather us now at your table, O God, so that we may be sustained in our faith journey. May these gifts of the earth be for us the gift of your goodness made present, made known. And grant that we who eat this feast may be filled with your life and goodness.



PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS



The gifts of God for the people of God. Let us keep the feast.

This is the body of Christ given for you. Take eat it all.



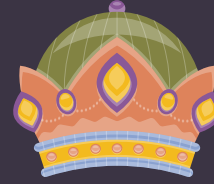
This is the blood of love poured out for you. Drink it all.



*PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us away from temptation, and deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, power, and
glory, forever and ever.

– *THE LORD'S PRAYER*





(G.T.G.)

#480

CLOSING
HYMN

Take Me to the Water



THE BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless us and keep us. May God's
face continually shine on us and give us peace. In
Jesus'
mighty name, we pray.



(GJG)
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*CONG.
RESPONSE*



POSTLUDE

Baptized in Water
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