

Welcome to our church



United Methodist Church of Holyoke, South Hadley & Granby

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**Epiphany
Communion
January 5, 2025**

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY - All are welcome - loved for who you are, exactly as you are. Please stay after worship so we can meet and say hello.

If you are able, please stand at the places marked with an asterisk (*). For all other portions of the service, you may remain seated.

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Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Call To Worship: responsive reading

L: Bring your gifts and bring your love to honor the King of love.

P: Bring your worship and bring your praise to pay homage to Christ Jesus, our King.

***Hymn #254:** *We Three Kings*

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,

King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Refrain

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.

Refrain

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

5 Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

Morning Prayer unison

Gracious God, we come into your presence with joy and praise, grateful for the gift of Christ Jesus in our lives. As we celebrate this gift in our service of worship, fill our hearts with Christmas joy and our spirits with the gift of your Holy Spirit. With joy and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,

UMH #71

world without end. Amen.

Ministry in Music: *Pleiades Dances set IV*

by Takashi Yoshimatsu

Canticle of Quiet Rain

Memory of Interlude

Psalm 72: pg. 795 Response 1

Response: I will give you as a light to the nations,
my salvation to the ends of the earth.

- 1** Give your love of justice to the king, O God,
and righteousness to the royal son.
- 2** May he judge your people with righteousness;
And your poor with justice.
- 3** Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- 4** **May he defend the cause of the poor of the People, give deliverance to the needy, and to crush the oppressors.**
- 5** May he live as the sun endures,
And as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- 6** **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth.**
- 7** In his days may righteousness flourish. And peace
Abound, till the moon be no more!
- 8** **May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. R**
- 9** May his foes bow down before him;
And his enemies lick the dust.
- 10** May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him
tribute.
May the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- 11** **May all the kings fall down before him, and all nations serve him.**
- 12** For he delivers the needy when they call

The poor and those who have no helper.

13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

**14 from oppression and violence He redeems
their life; and precious is their blood in his
sight.** **R**

15 Long may he live.

May gold of Sheba be given to him.

May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all day!

**16 May there be abundance of grain in the land,
May it wave on the tops of the mountains:
May its fruit be like Lebanon;**
and may they blossom forth in the cities
Like the grass of the field!

**17 May his name endure for ever;
His fame continue as long as the sun!
May people bless themselves by him,
All nations call him blessed!** **R**

**Hymn #620: One Bread, One Body*

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Refrain:

2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain:

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Refrain:

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 pg.193 N. T.

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus
for the sake of you Gentiles—

2 Surely you have heard about the administration of
God's grace that was given to me for you, **3** that is, the
mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have
already written briefly. **4** In reading this, then, you will
be able to understand my insight into the mystery of
Christ, **5** which was not made known to people in other
generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to
God's holy apostles and prophets. **6** This mystery is that
through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with
Israel, members together of one body, and sharers
together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's
grace given me through the working of his power. **8**
Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people,
this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the
boundless riches of Christ, **9** and to make plain to
everyone the administration of this mystery, which for
ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.
10 His intent was that now, through the church, the
manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the
rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, **11**
according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in
Christ Jesus our Lord. **12** In him and through faith in
him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 pg. 2 New Testament

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during
the time of King Herod, Magi[a] from the east came to
Jerusalem **2** and asked, "Where is the one who has been
born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and
have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and
all Jerusalem with him. **4** When he had called together

all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." [b]

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. **8** He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **11** On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Message: Pastor Hwang Heo

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome, regardless of age or church membership

***Hymn #206:** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. Refrain

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

***Offering**

***Doxology**

UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction

Arise; shine!

The world needs our light.

Go forth with grace and love.

Every person needs our grace and love.

Go forth with the gift of Christ's presence.

Christ's presence will save us all. Amen.

Postlude

Offering: Please leave your offering in the plate. The Lord has given us so much, let us remember to return some to His church.

Communion

Communion Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Confession and Pardon

Let us confess our sins and receive God's pardon.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Taking the bread and cup

Trusting in the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon each of us, we hear anew the sacred story in the letter Paul wrote to the people of ancient Corinth: For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (I Corinthians 11.23-26, NIV)

The Lord's prayer

Longing for Christ's coming, let us pray in the words that

he taught, saying:

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

We give thanks for Rev. Sooyoun Kim and Wesley UMC for sharing these consecrated elements. Because there is one loaf, We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Giving the bread and cup

We will be receiving communion in a continuous line. Please come forward, receive the elements, consume them where you stand, and then return to your seat.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Prayer

Most bountiful God, we give you thanks for the world you have created, for the gift of life, and for giving yourself to us in Jesus Christ, whose holy life, suffering and death, and glorious resurrection have delivered us from slavery to sin and death. We thank you that in the power of your Holy Spirit you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. We are your children, and yours is the glory, now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

-Prayer List: Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, Tim O'Donnell, Kathy Washburn, Lily Marion, Darlene Dout, Heidi Barta, Renata Cournoyer, Kevin McLaughlin, Jerry Rubackin, Jim Anspach's Family - parents, Gene & Rene and Uncles Earl & Tom Anspach, Mark Felsentreger, Anna Dunlap, Scott Shippey, Barbara Granger, Billy Clark, Robert Dout, Family of Tim O'Donnell, Family of Bill Beyer, Pastor Hwang & Family, Sage Marion-Patruno, Hugh 'Scotty' Hutton, Our Church

-Prayers and sympathy to Ray & Jill Dulude & Family on the death of Ray's sister, Merrilee Dilberto.

Every Sunday after worship: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and...

January 8: 9:00 a.m. UWF All invited to join us.

January 17: 5-5:30 p.m. Grab & Go

January 21: 6:00 p.m. Council & Trustees in Pastor's office & on Zoom.

January 24: 5:30-8 p.m. Free Movie night, hot dogs & popcorn.

January 26: Casseroles for Kate's Kitchen are due.

New rehearsal times for choir & bell choir:

Sundays 11-11:30 Choir

11:30-12 Bell choir

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Grab & Go

Beef Stew &

Pineapple Upside-down Cake

January 17 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

\$12.00

Menu: Home-made Beef Stew

Beverage Bun

Pineapple Upside-down Cake



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OR fill out the form and leave it in offering plate.

Include your name, phone & number of meals

Notify us if anyone in your party has a food allergy.

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 If you will help prepare, sign up, call or email the church.

Helping is fun.

I will help _____

Take & Go Reservations

Name _____

Phone number _____

No. of meals _____