

TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday to Celebrate Epiphany

January 7, 2018

11:00 A. M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE: Buxtehude
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
(Worshippers are asked to sign the registration pads located in the pews.)

INTROIT

*HYMN: No. 213
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*CALL TO WORSHIP
(please respond by reading the bold text)

Herod's treachery could not stop hope!
God's light, whose sign was a star, was poured out for the people.
All the fears and fights of this world cannot diminish God's light.
That light is the life of Jesus Christ, who breaks through the darkness.
Thanks be to God, for the most precious gift of Light.
Let us live as people of new Light and Hope. AMEN.

Epiphany Prayer:
God of Promise and mysterious Light, be with us this day as we journey in our faith; to meet your Gift. Give us courage and hope along our way, as your light will continue to glow brightly in our path, leading us to service and discipleship in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:1-12
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS:
As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Martin
Carol of Unity
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY: No. 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION
*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to Thee.*

*As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle-bed,
there to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy-seat.*

*As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.*

*Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed lives at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.*

SERMON: Rev. Emily Knight
"Epiphany: moment or path?"
Isaiah 60:1-6

HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Chancel Choir

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 157
Jesus Shall Reign

*THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *(Please be seated)*

POSTLUDE: Pachelbel
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

*CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

PERSONAL RECEIVERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED. Ask an usher for assistance.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

LITURGIST: Karina Descartin **HEAD USHER:** Gordon Middleton
USHER TEAM 4: Jenny Cashen, Julianne Kirchain, Peggy McCord,
Darby Wilson-Norman, Shirley Post, Emily Rehberg,
and Harriet Thurgood
CRUCIFER: Emily Matthews
ACOLYTES: Frankie Crowell and Jordan Mardini

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God.

COMMUNITY CLASSES AT RIVERSIDE PARK:

Ukulele - Guitar - Nutrition for Health - Yoga - Financial Fitness - Crafts & Compassion - Intro. to Spanish - Faith Discovery - and more! Online registration is open now or register in-person Jan 10th.
Classes start Jan 17th. <http://www.communityclassesrp.com>

2018 MLK Jr. DAY OF SERVICE: Monday, January 15th. Connect and serve in the community! We will be helping the Family Promise office get ready for 2018. Contact pastoremily@riversideparkumc.com for more info or to express interest. --we're thinking 10am.

FAITH STUDY: Wednesdays @6:30pm in the chapel. Starting January 17th. We will spend a few weeks delving into the Holy Mystery which is Communion--then, after February 14th (Ash Wednesday)--we will shift to the experience of weekly communion.

Wednesday Night Dinners Resume January 10th. Spaghetti dinner to kick off registration for Community classes. Food is served at 5:30pm. \$6 Adults; \$3 Children. Please call the church office to RSVP, 355-5491.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday to Celebrate Epiphany

January 7, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Gather with Songs of Praise

Here I Am to Worship - Chris Tomlin

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Give Me Faith - Elevation Worship

10,000 Reasons - Matt Redman

Greet/Share Peace

Children's Message

Faith & Fun Worship bags available

Pray for Each Other and the World

Offer Gifts to God

During the song, you are invited to place an offering in one of the baskets in the aisle or near the front altar

Go Tell it on the Mountain - NeedToBreathe

Proclaim God's Word: Isaiah 60:1-6

"Epiphany: Moment or Path?" ~Rev. Emily Knight

Break Bread. Celebrate Holy Communion.

O Come to the Altar - Elevation Worship

Sending

From the Day - I Am They

Especially if this is your first Sunday, Welcome!

- We are glad you are here! We have gifts for first-time guests at the table in the back of the Sanctuary.
- Children are welcome to stay in worship, but our nursery is also open for the littlest ones (please ask, we'll help you get there) We also offer special Sunday morning opportunities for children to worship and learn.
- We 'set the table' at the beginning of worship by carrying forward symbols of our faith: a cross, light, a bible, and baptism water. If you want to help with this, (especially children) look for Mrs. Sarah at the sanctuary entrance right before the service begins--all are welcome to help!



RIVERSIDE PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Empowering others to live life abundantly."



Welcome to Riverside Park United Methodist Church
where we are making disciples of Jesus Christ and
empowering others to live life and live it abundantly.
(from John 10:10)

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY – December 31, 2017

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	107
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	93
TOTAL WORSHIP	200
SALTY SERVANTS	21
NURSERY	3
SUNDAY SCHOOL	53

This Week's Schedule of Events

TODAY JANUARY 7, 2018

9:00 a.m.	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:10 a.m.	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES (McCord and Children's Buildings)
11:00 a.m.	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
4:30 p.m.	UMYF (Youth Group)
5:00 p.m.	CHANCEL RINGERS (Room 201)

MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2018

6:00 p.m.	SPPR COMMITTEE MEETING (Library)
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TUESDAY JANUARY 9, 2018

6:00 p.m.	UMM MEETING (Fellowship Hall)
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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10, 2018

5:00 p.m.	YOGA
5:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY CLASSES
5:30 p.m.	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m.	PRAISE TEAM (Sanctuary)
7:30 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR (Room 501)

THURSDAY JANUARY 11, 2018

6:00 p.m.	FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (Library)
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FRIDAY JANUARY 12, 2018

9:00 a.m.	THE LIFE CENTER
12:15 p.m.	YOGA (Parlor)

Stay Connected:

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