

WORSHIPPING GOD

January 24, 2021

The Season of the Epiphany

Chiming of the Hour.....Kim Miller

*Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God,
alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.*

Lighting the Christ Candle.....Kim Miller

Preparing for Worship.....Brian Miller

In the shadows of the night, God calls us.

Here I am, for you called me.

In the daylight, God calls us.

Here I am, for you called me.

God calls to each of us by name.

Here I am, for you called me.

Prelude.....Be Thou My Vision.....Patrick W. Joyce

Joan John, piano

Welcome.....Kim Miller

Invitation to Worship (from Psalm 148).....Tom Ullom

Creating God, how deeply you know us.

In the mystery of your love, you see who we are and who we might become.

Our bodies are your creation; they are wonderfully made.

Our minds reflect your handiwork. Our spirits are a gift from you.

You call us by name and invite us to follow.

Lead us now into the depths of your love.

Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

*Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, an sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and might!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Psalm Lesson from Psalm 139.....Ariel Koger

Lord, you have examined me. You know me. You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans. You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways. There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord, that you don't already know completely.

You surround me—front and back. You put your hand on me. That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

You are the one who created my innermost parts; you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb. I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart. Your works are wonderful—I know that very well. My bones weren't hidden from you when I was being put together in a secret place, when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.

God, your plans are incomprehensible to me! Their total number is countless! If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand! If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer.....Kim Miller

Visual Reflection – “Always Near” (based on Psalm 139)_

MeditationDan Koger

Hymn.....You Have Searched Me Lord and Known Me
(A Hymn from Psalm 139)

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You have searched me, Lord, and known me!

All my life is in your care.

When I lie awake in evening,

You are always with me there.

When I rise to greet the morning

In an attitude of praise,

What I learn from you is humbling:

You already know my ways.

Lord, you know the song I'm singing

and my words before I pray.

You're behind me and before me

*As I travel through each day.
You once knit me all together;
You created me by grace.
In your eyes, you see and love me
As you treasure all my days.*

*Lord, I try to learn your wisdom,
But I cannot understand.
Yet your love is all around me;
I am part of all you've planned.
Let me sing your praise each morning,
Let me serve you all day through,
And in evening, make me peaceful,
Knowing this: I'm loved by you!*

Blessing.....Dan Koger

Go into the world knowing that you are led by the light that is Christ.

May the love of the Creator go before you.

May the life of the Redeemer be within you.

May the joy of the Sustainer shine through you.

This day and evermore. Amen.

Postlude.....Lord, Be Glorified.....Bob Kilpatrick

Joan John, Piano

Opportunity for Giving