



Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Christ Candle Drew Cornett

Opening the Bible Hunter McCracken

Voluntary Janice Hix *piano*

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" setting by Frederic Challinor

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

†Hymn 115

"Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADER'S HYMN

Words of Friendship Rev. Amy Starr Russell

A Time for Children Rev. Starr Russell

Children (first grade and younger) may attend Junior Church and will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response.

†Responsive Psalm Rev. Chris Cherry

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore, I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face." Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

—Psalm 27.1, 4-9

Prayers of God's People Rev. Cherry

†Hymn 519

"It Is Well with My Soul" VILLE DU HAVRE

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

Matthew 4.12-23

†Hymn of Response 648

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

Stewardship Prayer Gayle Wager, deacon

Choral Offering, Sanctuary Choir, Rev. Bill Hix *conducting*, Janice Hix *piano*

“Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You” by Jay Althouse

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.

If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh Lord.

Lord, I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love.

No other blessings do I need but those from you above.

Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand.

And, Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Organ Dismissal Baker Lawrimore *organ*

The incarnation involves much more than the drama of Christmas itself; it brings a vision of God's glory to the nations of the world. The word **epiphany** comes from a Greek word meaning “manifestation or appearance,” and in church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. Epiphany has been observed throughout much of the Western church as occurring on January 6, but because most churches do not mark Epiphany with a midweek service, the celebration of this special day is often associated with the nearest Sunday, and continues as a season throughout the weeks that follow.