

WORSHIP BULLETIN

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany ~ February 12, 2012

Epiphany is the Season of Light! Our scripture texts in worship show us God's power to dispel the darkness—in Jesus' bold, healing, loving life and in the life of everyone who follows him. Will we live such a life? Will we shine like Jesus? We have important choices to make in the Season of Epiphany!



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ORDER OF SERVICE

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Michael

RINGING OF THE BELL TO OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come All You People
From Zimbabwe

Choir sings the verse, and the congregation repeats it twice.

**Come all you people! Come and praise your Maker.
Come all you people! Come and praise your Maker.
Come all you people! Come and praise your Maker.
Come now, and worship the Lord!**

How Majestic is Your Name
Michael W. Smith

All

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

Choir

**O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name.
God of peace, mighty God. O Lord God almighty.**

All

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

**O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name.
God of peace, mighty God. O Lord God almighty.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A DRAMATIC READING OF 2 KINGS 5:1-17

(see inside back page for the text)

Narrator: Andrew Lee
Servant Girl: Rebecca Lee,
Elisha the Prophet: Timothy Gregoire-Pierson
Naaman: Casey Tinnin

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Many: **Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSES

I Worship You, Lord

Choir

Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah (3 times). Hallelujah, hallelujah!

TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

“Baditudes”

Pastor Michael

MESSAGE

“Naaman and Us”

Pastor Michael

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SONG RESPONSE

Change Our Hearts, O God

Eddie Espinoza

Change our hearts, O God. Make them ever true.

Change our hearts, O God. May we be like you.

You are the Potter. We are the clay.

Mold us and make us, this is what we pray.

Change our hearts, O God. Make them ever true.

Change our hearts, O God. May we be like you.

Cleanse our souls, O God. Wash them with your grace.

Cleanse our souls, O God, tender your embrace.

You are the Potter. We are the clay.

Mold us and make us, this is what we pray.

Change our hearts, O God. Make them ever true.

Change our hearts, O God. May we be like you.

Stir our minds, O God. Move them to believe.

Stir our minds, O God. Help us to perceive.

**You are the Potter. We are the clay.
Mold us and make us, this is what we pray.
Change our hearts, O God. Make them ever true.
Change our hearts, O God. May we be like you.**

COMMUNITY AFFIRMATION

(From the Covenant of the Women's Interfaith Institute for a Holocaust Tour)

One: We join together as the Body of Christ, empowered by the Spirit, saying:

We will be together.

We will stand as brothers and sisters given life by one God.

We will watch out for one another.

We will listen to what needs to be said in a spirit of compassion.

We will respect the power of silence.

We will wait for the slowest. We will sooner or later catch up with the fastest.

**We will dry the tears of those who are weeping
and know that they will dry ours when the time comes.**

**We will let ourselves begin to feel at least a little of the pain
of those we have considered our enemies.**

We will entrust our stories to each other.

We will not be skeptical that peace can come.

We will not forget the joy of life. We will not forget to be grateful.

We will do our best to stir in each other hope, courage, and faith.

PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERN (Response: **God, hear our prayer!**)

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(Use these words or words familiar to you.)*

**Our Creator 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

For the Lord is Good

DeShazo/Sadler

SONG OF THANKS AND PRAISE

Grateful

From the UCC's *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy One.
Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
Joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

COMMISSIONING FOR ALL

One: God sends us forth—

Many: stronger and healthier—

One: ready to work hard for healing and growth

Many: for ourselves and for a world in need!

PARTING SONG

Guide My Feet
New Century Hymnal, #497

**Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race.
For I don't want to run this race in vain.**

Hold my hand while I run this race. *Repeat 2x*
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

I'm your child while I run this race. *Repeat 2x*
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me while I run this race. *Repeat 2x*
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE IN SONG

Shalom To You

(Shalom is a Hebrew word meaning Peace. During this sharing of peace, we link hands and raise them during the final line.)

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

GOING FORTH MUSIC

David Braceros

After worship, please join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall. Please wear your name tag or create a name tag on the table in the Sanctuary foyer.

WELCOME

Join us every Sunday before worship in **Café Esperanza** in the youth building. **Adult classes** on Sundays are in the youth room, next door to Café Esperanza.

Child care is available beginning at 9:00am in the pre-school building for children six weeks through five years of age.

Our children's program, Sunday Adventure, is from 9:15am until 9:55am in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Rob Brittain, Director of Student Ministries, at 522-7244 or studentministries.collegeavenue@gmail.com.

For assistance in the office during the week or to have a **prayer request listed** in our Weekly email Update, contact Michele Logue, Administrative Assistant, at 522-7244 or office@cacc-ucc.org.

Digital worship bulletin available for smartphones online at www.cacc-ucc.org.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship and Leader
Choir Director/Pianist
Accompanist
Drummer
Greeter
Ushers
Sound Tech
Sanctuary Artists

Rev. Michael Schiefelbein (pastor@cacc-ucc.org)
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Anne Steel and Gordon Stephens
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Today's Scripture Text
from the Second Book of Kings 5:1-17

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord would go to my people's prophet, who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When his wife relayed this message to Naaman, he in turn relayed it to his master the king of Aram. The king of Aram supplied Naaman with money and gifts for the king of Israel and sent him to ask that king to cure him. But when Naaman approached the king of Israel, the king became angry. He thought the king of Aram was trying to pick a fight with him, knowing that he had no power to cure someone of leprosy.

When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had become angry, he sent a message to him. "Calm down. Let Naaman come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not the rivers of my people better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servant approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except the God you worship in Israel!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Ministries Informational Meeting for Families, today, 11:30am, Youth Room. *A spaghetti lunch will be provided!*

Class: “Gender, Race, & the Politics of Sex,” today, 11:30am, Fireside Room.

Sync & Drag Informational Meeting, tonight, 5pm, Youth Room. *All are welcome!*

High School U-Nite Youth Group, tonight, 6pm, Youth Room.

Healing Team Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 4pm, Fireside Room.

Stewardship Team Meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 7pm, Fireside Room.

Worship Team Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 16, 6pm, Fireside Room.

Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, Feb. 16, 7pm, Sanctuary.

New Member Orientation, Sunday, Feb. 19, 8:45am, Fireside Room.

Class: “FAQs about the Bible,” Sunday, Feb. 19, 9am, Youth Room.

Council Meeting, Sunday, Feb. 19, 11:30am, Fireside Room.

“Introduction to the Enneagram”, Sunday, Feb. 19, 3pm-6pm, Fellowship Hall. *Learn the basics about this personality tool that helps you understand the challenges and gifts of your personality type in order to help you grow spiritually. This introduction will prepare you for classes on “Your Healing and Growth through the Enneagram” on Wednesday evenings, February 29, March 7, and March 14.*

Building Loan Status: Project Total: \$475,000. Current Loan Balance: \$171,786.

Congregational Giving – January			
Pledged Giving:	\$20,345	(Pledges Due: \$15,526)	
Other Offerings:	\$2,788	Special Offerings:	\$159
Building Use:	\$870	Inter-faith Ministries:	\$110
Total Income:	\$24,003	Total Outreach Giving:	\$269
Total Expenses:	\$19,013	YTD Surplus:	\$4,990