

January 2, 2021 Daily Church Email

Worship on January 3: Holy Communion, Star Sunday (you get to choose your own star word this year! More about this on Sunday) all in celebration of Epiphany!

Definition of EPIPHANY from Merriam-Webster dictionary:

1 : capitalized : January 6 observed as a church festival in commemoration of the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles or in the Eastern Church in commemoration of the baptism of Christ

2 : an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being

3a(1) : a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something

(2) : an intuitive grasp of reality through something (such as an event) usually simple and striking

(3) : an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure

b : a revealing scene or moment

I think number 3.2 is particularly meaningful and a little bit funny for these days: "an intuitive grasp of reality."

The Gospel of Matthew tells us in chapter 2: "When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy." Overwhelmed with joy! Their whole reality had changed when the star stopped and they brought gifts to Jesus.

May this thought bless us as we begin our first Sunday of worship together in 2021.

Pastor Julie

July 3 worship on

1. Facebook live streaming
2. Zoom by computer or by telephone: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84712137959?pwd=KzNHWjhINERGRkFnbnNkS0ErOXEwZz09>

Meeting ID: 847 1213 7959 Passcode: 562572 OR CALL: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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3. available on the church website later on Sunday

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