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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



January 3, 2016



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Music by The Lord's Crew

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Gathering

OPENING PRAISE *This Little Light of Mine*

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*PRAISE SONGS *To Bethlehem We Go
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We Three Kings of Orient Are*

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving
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Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Thy Word*

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12*

MESSAGE *"GOD OF OUR LIFE"
Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis*

RESPONSE SONG *Your Love Oh Lord*
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
(please bring offering up at Communion)

Words for Communion
Communion Song *Light of the World*
Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Serve

*FINAL BLESSING *Sanctuary*

*CLOSING SONG *This Little Light of Mine*

*Worshippers stand as able.



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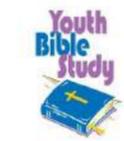
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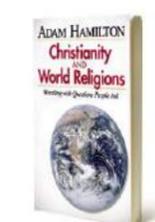


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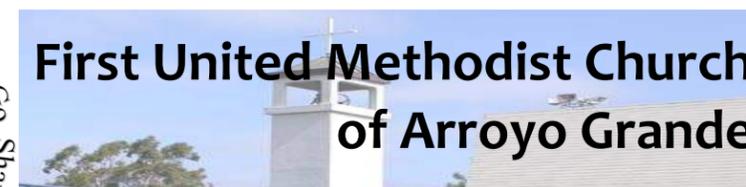
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—Isaiah 60:1a

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH PRELUDE

PRELUDE You're the Word of God —Townend/Getty

INTROIT Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies verse 1 No. 173

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Epiphany we celebrate is a manifestation of love and light.

Divine Light coming to the World in the Christ Child!

Sages, awakened from contemplation, followed a star to Bethlehem.

Starshine, captured their imaginations and quickened their footsteps.

They arrived at a place they had never been before and were brought to their knees in the Presence of the Holy.

Almighty God, open our eyes to the beauty of your presence and shed light on our paths, that we too may experience the Holy.

*OPENING HYMN Angels from the Realm of Glory verses 1-3 No. 220

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell
Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER
Choral Call to Prayer Love Came Down at Christmas verse 1 No. 242
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer
Choral Response Love Came Down at Christmas verse 2 No. 242

CHOIR ANTHEM Bread of Life —Joel Raney

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory *Now I Belong to Jesus* —Norman J. Clayton
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-6
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*HYMN *We Would See Jesus* verses 1-3 No. 256

SERMON "GOD OF OUR LIFE"
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HOLY COMMUNION Page 15-16
The Great Thanksgiving
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Communion Music *Bless the Lord* —Redman/Myrin

*CLOSING HYMN *Christ is the World's Light* verses 1,2, & 4 No. 188

BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go Tell it on the Mountain (refrain)* No. 251

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

POSTLUDE *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever* —Martin Smith

* You are invited to stand in body and/or spirit



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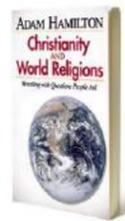
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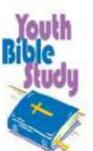
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