

# EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 7, 2018

10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"  
"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

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Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

- \* Call to Worship: based on Matthew 2:1–12
- \* Hymn: "As with Gladness Men of Old" PH 358
- \* God's Greeting:
  - Lift up your heads, O gates!
  - And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**
  - Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
  - Amen.**
  - Praise be to God!
  - Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.**
  - Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
  - Blessed be the name of the Lord.**
- \* Prayer of the Day:
  - Almighty Lord God, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world: We praise and magnify your holy name that in him you have revealed the wonder of your saving love to all people. With those of old who brought their tribute to his feet, confessing him as King of heaven and earth, we now present the worship of our grateful hearts, asking you to give us grace to give ourselves to you, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
  - Amen.**
- \* Response: "O **LORD**, You Are My Light" PH 164, v. 1
  - O **LORD**, you are my light and my salvation near:
  - then who will cause me fright or fill my heart with fear?
  - While God my strength, my life sustains, secure from fear my soul remains.

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God's Will for Our Lives: Responsive Reading of the Law

PH 1014

Response: "How Vast the Benefits Divine"

PH 497

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" PH 557

Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading: Joshua 18:1–10 (p. 224)

Sermon: *Do Hard Things: Motivation for a New Year*

Prayer

\* Hymn: "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone" Bulletin pp.5–6

## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Take My Life and Let It Be" Smith

\* Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" PH 638

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. Amen.