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I<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

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## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Duet

*Andante Risoluto*

Roger Wilson

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

Thom M. Shuman

One: We come this day, Precious God,  
as people in need of your steadfast love:

People: **with you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

One: We gather this day, Water-changing God,  
as people looking for signs:

People: **with you is the fountain of grace;  
in your Hope we see hope.**

One: We worship this day, Gifting God,  
as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

People: **with you is the fountain of joy;  
in your Life we see life.**

### \* Opening Prayer

Thom M. Shuman

With you, Enduring Joy, we find our refuge. In the shelter of your compassion, we are made whole; in the abundance of your grace, we are fed; in the depths of your living waters, we are transfigured into new people.

With you, Revealer of Glory, we are filled to the brim. Our lips cannot contain your praise; our hearts overflow with your spirit; our lives are poured out for others.

Activating Spirit, we find our common life in this community of faith. United by a common confession, we take our uncommon gifts and share them in serving all people. Same in love, same in grace, God in Community, Holy in One, Amen.

**\* Opening Song**      *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Marvin Frey

1. I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
2. I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
3. I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### Congregational Prayer

**Song**                      *In the Bleak Midwinter*                      back of bulletin

### Time with Our Children

(afterwards the children may leave for Children's Church)

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Thoughts on Giving

Bob Gangwer

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

**Special Music**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

arr. Samuel Wellman

**Scripture Lesson**

John 2:1-11 (*NRSV*)

## **The Wedding at Cana**

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**Song**

*Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah* (verses 1-2)

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1. Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah,  
from the heavens praise God's name!  
Praise the Lord, our great creator;  
all you angels, praise proclaim.  
All his hosts, together praise him,  
sun and moon and stars on high.

Praise the Lord, you heav'ns of heavens,  
and you floods above the sky.

*Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah, for his name alone is high.  
And his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted,  
and his glory is exalted, far above the earth and sky.*

2. Let them praise the Lord creator;  
they were made at his command,  
God established them forever,  
his decree shall ever stand.  
From the earth, O praise your maker,  
raging seas, you creatures all,  
fire and hail and snow and vapors,  
stormy winds that hear his call. *[Refrain]*

**Sermon**

“Filled to the Brim”

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\* Closing Hymn**

*Joy to the World* (verses 2-4)

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2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as, the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove

the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, and wonders of his love.

**\* Benediction**

Thom M. Shuman

- Pastor:** God sends us out to the lonely, the forsaken.  
**People:** **We will go to gather them up into the heart of love.**  
**Pastor:** Jesus sends us out to throw a party for those who nibble at the stale crusts offered by the world.  
**People:** **We will go to sit with those who have no family, to fill their lives with hope and grace.**  
**Pastor:** The Spirit sends us forth, as transformed people, as those who have been given new names.  
**People:** **We will go to those sunk deep in the muck of life, who long for new days, for new joy, for new wonder.**

**Postlude**

*Coro* from “Water Music”

George Frideric Handel

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\* Please stand as able and led



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| <b>Ministers</b> .....            | <b>All Members</b> |
| Pastor.....                       | David Whitten      |
| Worship Leader .....              | Pat Gangwer        |
| Song Leader.....                  | Bob Gangwer        |
| Special Music .....               | Bob Phillips       |
| Flautist .....                    | Sarah Hartman      |
| Guitarist.....                    | David Whitten      |
| Pianist .....                     | Bob Phillips       |
| Violinist .....                   | Bill Kinzie        |
| Media & Technology Director ..... | Kevin Beers        |

# In the Bleak Midwinter

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1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2. Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;  
 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath-ered there,  
 4. What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign.  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim thron - ed the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 In the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the  
 but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 Lord God Al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 what I can I give him: give my heart.