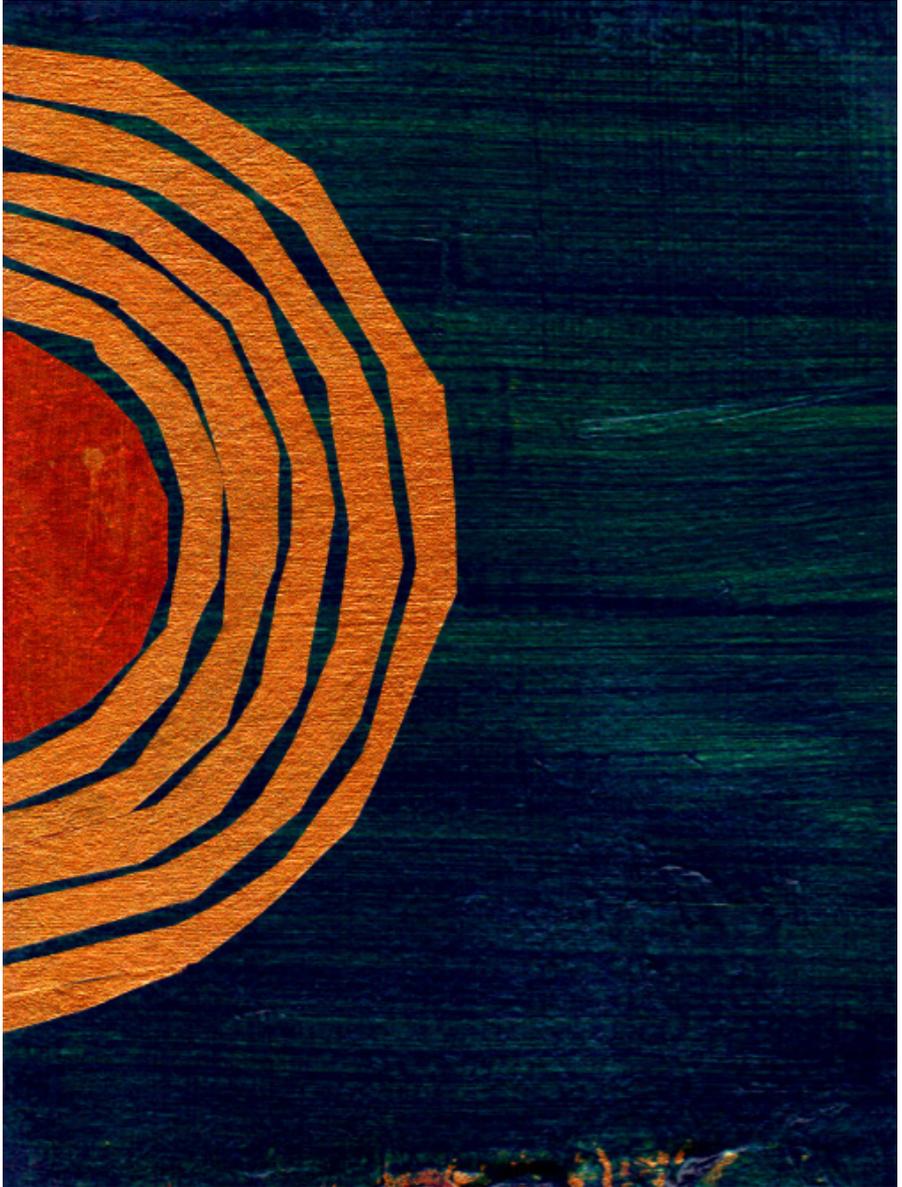


Around the Table

Epiphany 2019

9:00 a.m.



Order of Worship

An asterisk () indicates an invitation to stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food.

All: I was thirsty and you gave me drink.

I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

I was naked and you clothed me.

I was sick and you visited me.

I was in prison and you came to me."

When did we see you in need and minister to you?

**"Inasmuch as you did it to the least of these,
my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."**

Let all you do be done in love.

* HYMN

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

The coming of Christ was not widely welcomed.

Wherever there is epiphany there will also be darkness:

the darkness of old superstitions which refuse to fade away easily;
the darkness of pride in the half truths that have masqueraded as
wisdom;

the darkness of apathy that cannot be bothered to open the
shutters;

We are creatures who often choose darkness instead of light.

We surrender to you our fears and proud opinions,
our apathy towards change and renewal.

Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others,
and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own
souls.

Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit within us."

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE

SERMON AND TIME OF REFLECTION

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Holy One*, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

**May use Creator, Father, Parent, Abba*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

All are welcome at Christ's table.

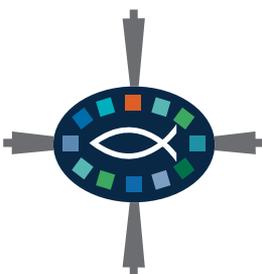
Grape juice is served, and gluten-free bread is available.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN

* BENEDICTION

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