

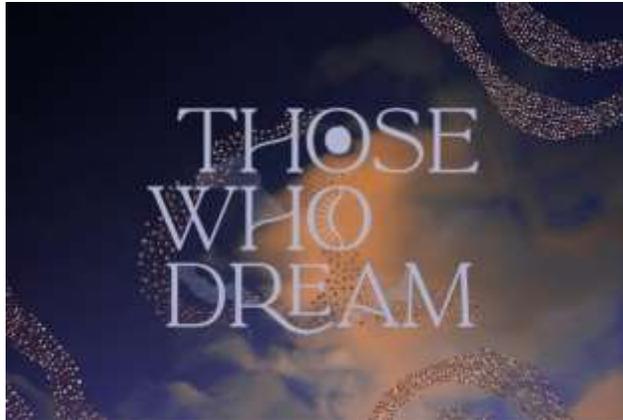


January 10, 2021

9:30 am

Epiphany

Those Who Dream... persevere



*Text printed in **BOLD** in the bulletin indicates that everyone is to read and/or sing. However, in our virtual space we ask that all but the readers and musicians remain muted – you can still read aloud and sing at home!*

“I will praise God’s name with song; I will magnify God with thanks...”

Psalm 69:30, Common English Bible

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome and Life of the Community (Announcements)

Opening Song

Epiphany Road

Ben Logan

Call to Worship¹

One: The Magi had a dream.

All: They dreamed of a Messiah. They dreamed of just rulers.
They dreamed of a new day for all people.

One: The Magi had a dream, and this dream led them to action.

¹ Adapted from a prayer by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

**All: They journeyed to unknown places. They followed a star.
They walked for days to get to Jesus.**

One: May we be like the Magi,

All: May our dreams inspire action. Come! Let us worship God!

Prayer of Confession

God, we love to worship you when the stars are bright above us. We love to worship you when the sky is clear, and the breeze just right. We love to worship you when the journey to Bethlehem is an easy one.

Unfortunately, as you know, in this journey of life, love, and faith is rarely easy. Now and again, the stars disappear. Our feet get blisters, and the journey is far too long and lonely. On those days, forgive us for giving up quickly. Forgive us for allowing the dream to die and for taking the shortcut home. We want to be as brave as the Magi. We want to persevere. Guide our feet. Show us the stars. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Time with Children: A Story

John Rosch

Special Music

We Three Kings

Bethany K. Smith

Reflection

Those Who Dream... *persevere*

Pastor Kris

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

*During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Pastor Kris will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to:
pastorkris@memorialucc.org*

Prayer of Jesus

Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Schroerlucke, Jeff Darwin, Rebecca Malke, Pastor Kris

Readers: Keith Schroerlucke and Sue Webb

Music Video Editor: Michael Bryant

Virtual Usher: Steve Gorton

***Stay for Virtual Coffee Hour!***

Following the service, you are invited to stay for conversation. Bring your own coffee, milk and/or donuts! All you need to do is to stay "in" Zoom as the service ends (don't click "leave meeting").

We will break into small groups that will last about 15 minutes. At the beginning of the breakout, introduce yourself, share how you are doing, and/or share where you have seen God this week. At the end of the 15 minutes we will gather again in a larger group and share our experiences.

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