



**First Church of Christ in Mansfield
(Congregational) United Church of Christ**

549 Storrs Rd. P.O. Box 36 Mansfield Center, CT 06250 860.423.9008

+ www.myfcc.info

All the Members, Ministers

Rev. Joseph Blotz, Pastor + Erik Haeger, Organist

Olivia Russell, Worship Circle Coordinator

THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY OF JESUS+ JANUARY 8, 2023

Welcome to Our Guests!

*We're delighted you have joined us for worship; the
members are the ministers of this church...
if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us!*

Chimes and Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Hymn

The First Noel
verses 1, 4, and 5

CH151

Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer

Hear these words from the Prophet Isaiah. "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. (Isaiah 60:1-6)

When in this past week have we failed to let the Light of Christ shine through us? When have we closed our eyes to the pain and to the joy around us

Silence

Let us pray.

Bright Morning Star, your light has come, and the birth of Jesus has overwhelmed us with joy. Like the magi of long ago, may we be drawn to you and offer you such gifts as we are able. Amen.

Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

This li - ttle light of mine I'm gon-nalet it shine. This li - ttle light of mine
 Ev - 'ry where I go I'm gon-nalet it shine. Ev - 'ry where I go
 Je - sus gave it to me I'm gon-nalet it shine. Je - sus gave it to me

6

I'm gon-nalet it shine. This li - ttle light of mine I'm gon-nalet it shine.
 I'm gon-nalet it shine. Ev - ry - where I go I'm gon-nalet it shine.
 I'm gon-nalet it shine. Je - sus gave it to me I'm gon-nalet it shine.

12

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Christian Scripture

Ephesians 3:1-12

Psalter

Psalm 71

EIN FESTE BERG (CH65)

1. Grant jus - tice, Lord , to those who rule; let right - eous - ness com - pel their hand;
 2. As long as sun and stars of space walk their di - vine - a - ppoi - nted round;
 3. God's right - eous - ness ex - tends to all who seek a - ssur - ance in dis - tress;

6

their courts shall bear pros - per - i - ty, and serve the poor through - out the land.
 long as en - dures our fee - ble race, the bless - ings of the Lord - a - bound.
 the weak who in their an - guish bend when hate and vi - o - lence o - ppress.

10

O Lord, our cause de - fend; de - liv' - rance quick - ly send to those who, bound in chains
 Like rains that feed the field, our Lord to us will yield the boun - ty and the peace
 As gold - en sheaves of grain, God's har - vest we re - main; All praise to God a - bove!

16

of greed and sel - fish gains, sub - mit them - selves to your com - mand.
 which God will ne - ver cease to sho - wer where true faith - is found.
 Who crowns our life with love, O bless God's name for - e - ver.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection

Rev. Joseph Blotz

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

*Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is most comfortable for you.
The following are offered as examples...*

**Our Father/Mother/Creator,
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/sins/trespasses,
as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/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, forever. Amen.**

Offering Hymn

We Three Kings

CH172

*Offerings may be placed in the collection plates,
mailed to: First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC, Box 36, Mansfield Center, CT 06250, or given online
at www.myfcc.info*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures here be low; Praise
5 God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, as the Magi approached the child Jesus, we too follow a star of hope, we too come with awe and wonder, we too bring gifts— ourselves, our time, and our commitment. Send us home a different way, changed by coming here.

Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

CH167

Benediction