

Welcome!

January 7, 2018

+8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.

Liturgist: +Mike Walters +++Becky Matheny
Greeters: +Bob and Carol Beck +++Greg and Carol Eisenbrei

WELCOME and ANNOUCEMENTS

PRELUDE *He Comes to Us as One Unknown* Robert J. Powell
Heather Cooper, organ

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In this year of our Lord 2018, O God, transform lives to magnify your Mercy.

Many: Transform us in ways that conform to your extravagance and redemption.

One: In an age ruled by terror place upon our lips the subversive claim of Epiphany's promise.

Women: Give us the courage to live at odds with the rage of this age.

Men: Inspire in us a thirst for beauty and truth.

Young People: Teach us to track the moving of your Spirit in unlikely places.

Elders: As with the ancient Magi give us the grace to cross boundaries - national, racial, political, social and spiritual.

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ALL: May the intentions spoken in this hour of worship be made evident, by your grace, in our living.

***HYMN OF INTENTION** "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" TFWS No. 2096

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

O Morning Star, How Fair, How Bright Dietrich Buxtehude

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM +++*The Three Kings* Peter Cornelius, arr. Ivor Atkins
Chancel Choir and Schola Cantorum
John Semenik, baritone

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK IN OUR LIVES

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***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 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 glory forever. Amen.***

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2

SERMON

"Christ, the Threat"
Rev. Cara Stultz Costello

SERMON HYMN

"People, Look East" UMH No. 202

+++HYMN OF INVITATION

"This is Where Children Belong" TFWS No. 2233 x3

(Let us sing our children into the "welcoming throng!" Let us welcome them to the Table)

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

No. 12-14

THE INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Large Print & Hearing Assistance Devices available upon request

COMMUNION MUSIC *Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie* Maurice Duruflé
Heather Cooper, organ

***HYMN OF MISSION** "We Three Kings" UMH No. 254

***BENEDICTION**

***CHRIST'S LIGHT TO THE WORLD** Acolyte

***POSTLUDE** *March of the Three Holy Kings* Anton Wilhelm Leupold
Heather Cooper, organ

COME-UNION *All are invited to extend their worship experience by attending Communion extension through an experience called Come-Union! Pastor Cara will meet you at the altar following the postlude*

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the Days After Christmas...

We look forward to Christmas but what happens afterwards?
Are we fulfilled? Is the world a better place?
Where is Jesus, the Prince of Peace, now?

A Winter Worship Series

January 7, 2018

Epiphany Sunday

Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30AM, 9:45AM & 11:00AM

300 Ninth Street NW, North Canton, Ohio 44720



*Today's altar flowers are given by Rudy and Maribeth Wilmer
in honor of family and friends*

