

SERVICE of WORSHIP
JANUARY 7, 2018 – 10:30am
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Epiphany Series: Do You See What I See?

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The word comes forth from the mouth of God!

People: Let us know God is with us and turn to the light.

Leader: Be overjoyed with the newness of life.

People: Let us be filled with uncontained joy.

Leader: Believe in the miracle of Christmas.

People: Let us open our hearts to Christ.

***HYMN** *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”* #29 (P)

UNISON PRAYER *(In Unison)*

O God, by the birthing of a star you showed your only Son to the peoples of the earth:

mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may see that shining glory in each face and recognize your love reflected back;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

ANTHEM *“This Lonesome Valley”*

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 3:8-12 pg. 1065

***HYMN** *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”* #22 (P)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12 pg. 877

REFLECTION “Seeing the Unbelievable”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD’S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

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 the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Based on Psalm 85*

We confess our sin to you, God, our Redeemer.

We have failed to offer steadfast and unconditional love.

God of all loving, make us whole.

We have been unfaithful to your calling on our lives to be your voice, hands and feet that work for justice, and peace, in all the ways that we can.

God of great faithfulness, make us whole.

We fail to see the light in the midst of the darkness, to find the joy you place in our lives.

God of light, make us whole.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of this loving God, In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

***HYMN** *“I Come with Joy”* (verses 1-3) #507 (P)

INVITIATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (See Pew Card)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING** *(In Unison)*

Lord, we bring these gifts to you, thankful for all the ways you enrich our daily lives. May our gifts be used to enrich the lives of others in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

*HYMN *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* #376 (P)

*BENEDICTION

*MUSICAL BENEDICTION *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*POSTLUDE

Covenantal Prayer for 2018 (adapted)

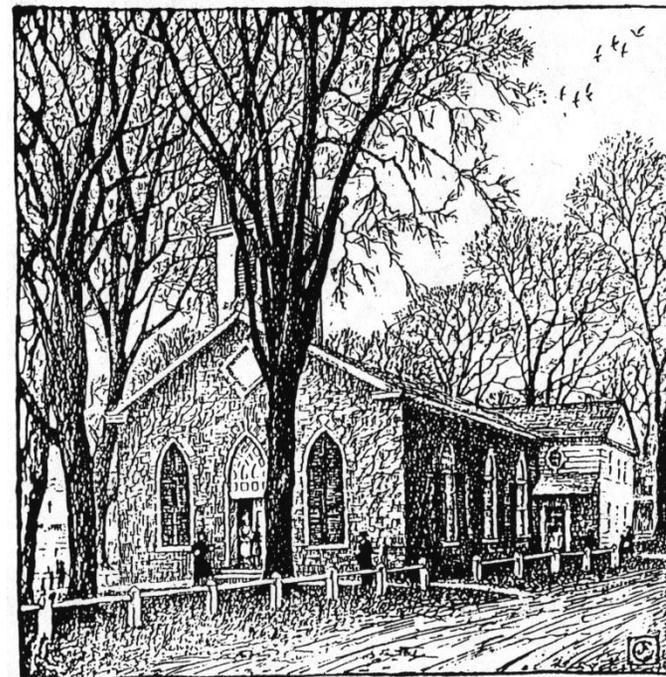
"I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by you or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you are mine, and I am your. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."
-- John Wesley

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Peru Community Church



"A Place for You to Encounter God"

10:30am

January 7, 2018