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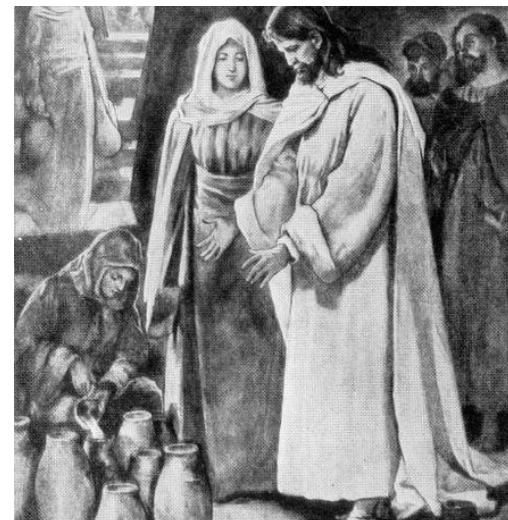
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PRELUDE

WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

CENTERING PRAYER

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

You are invited to take a moment for reflection to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Worship Assistant: Epiphany is a season in which we confess that Christ is manifest—clearly seen. Yet our indifference and apathy blinds us. Let us lift up those events and people where you are clearly present, but need our eyes and hearts opened to.

Pastor: We especially lift up the following events and people...(pastor names aloud)

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Gracious God,

We confess that we are mired in sin and cannot get free on our own. We have judged others based on skin color, sex, gender, sexuality, religion, nationality, ability, financial and social status. We have preferred the ease and simplicity of placing others into boxes to the complexity of getting to know one another as siblings. We have ignored your prophets and turned from your command to put you first and neighbor second. We have permitted the ends for which we live to become confused with the means by which we live. Forgive our ignorance. Forgive our weakness. Forgive our sin. May your love overwhelm us, your peace disturb us and your spirit move us so that we cannot help but do your will at all times and in all places, always glorifying your name. Amen.

Hear the good news! Jesus came to call us to repentance. Jesus died that we might be forgiven. Jesus was resurrected that we might know eternal life. In his name, your sins are forgiven. Turn towards God and sin no more.
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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POSDAM
SM

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

The worship leader will provide instruction on how the lesson will be read

- 1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.
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- 3 You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- 4 No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married.
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This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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MUSIC MINISTRY/GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

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L: As our physical, mental, and social health hangs in the balance, let us remember all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit. We pray for those who care for those who suffer, especially those on the front lines—doctors, fire fighters, mental health counselors, and clergy. Let us remember to care for them also as they bear burdens many other do not. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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