

**First Sunday of Epiphany
January 10, 2021
9:00 AM**

We Gather as the Church

Welcome Bill Humphrey

Music as We Gather

Opening Prayer MaryAnne MacKenzie

God our Parent, your voice claims us as your people and calls us into new relationships with ourselves and others. By your Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice speaking to us through these words of scripture, and prepare us for your service, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn When Jesus Came to Jordan Purple Hymnal #252

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture Lesson **Genesis 1:1-5** (The New Interpreters Study Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music

Message "Bread, BATH & Beyond" Bill Humphrey

We Respond to God's Word

Call to Prayer "Shepherd Me, O God" Black Hymnal #2058

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Pastoral Prayer

The 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 Response "Shepherd Me, O God" Black Hymnal #2058

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Invitation to Give and to Serve God

We Scatter to Serve

Hymn I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry Black Hymnal #2051

A Blessing

Music as We Leave Purple Hymnal #672

**God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

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When Jesus Came to Jordan

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon, but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make,
This very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as
one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun."

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."

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"Shepherd Me, O God"

The Faith We Sing Hymnal #2058

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"God Be with You till We Meet Again"

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