

WORSHIP GUIDE FOR JANUARY 17, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

- Dana Moody

THE MORNING WELCOME

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)

O God of the darkened sky and chilly dawn, God of the blanket of snow and the icy pond, God at all seasons, teach us your truths in these short days and long nights. Teach us the lessons of waiting. Like seeds and bulbs lying hidden, may we nurture the silences and trust in your wisdom hidden in the stillness. Teach us the lessons of expectancy, of opening our eyes to see everyday wonders:

the gurgle of a baby,
the letter from a forgotten friend,
the twinkle of a light,
the crunch of snow.

God of all seasons, we celebrate this day with you. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Your Great Name”

Monica Whitehurst

AN EPIPHANY PRAYER (responsively)

- Monica Whitehurst

- L: God who revealed yourself to wise men following a star,
Guide all who search and journey towards your light today,
- P: God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.**
- L: God who unveiled yourself in the gift of a son,
Show yourself to all who seek after justice and righteousness today,
- P: God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.**
- L: God who was baptized with those who declared their repentance in the Jordan river, manifest yourself to all who come with repentant hearts today,
- P: God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.**
- L: God who fed the five thousand with a handful of fish and loaves,
Satisfy our hunger with your word of truth and love,
- P: God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.**
- L: God who changed water into wine at a wedding,
Fill all who thirst with the free gift of the water of life,
- P: God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.**
- L: Lord God Almighty, thank you that Jesus’ epiphany as Son of God reaches across time and space. As we go into this day may we embrace your call to come and see, come and follow, go and tell others.
- P: May we remember that we are bearers of Christ’s light sent out to touch others so that they may know him as Son of God and experience the hope his message brings. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. When he got there, he ran across Philip and said, “Come, follow me.” (Philip’s hometown was Bethsaida, the same as Andrew and Peter.)

⁴⁵⁻⁴⁶ Philip went and found Nathanael and told him, “We’ve found the One Moses wrote of in the Law, the One preached by the prophets. It’s *Jesus*, Joseph’s son, the one from Nazareth!”

Nathanael said, “Nazareth? You’ve got to be kidding.”

But Philip said, “Come, see for yourself.”

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw him coming he said, “There’s a real Israelite, not a false bone in his body.”

⁴⁸ Nathanael said, “Where did you get that idea? You don’t know me.”

Jesus answered, “One day, long before Philip called you here, I saw you under the fig tree.”

⁴⁹ Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi! You are the Son of God, the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰⁻⁵¹ Jesus said, “You’ve become a believer simply because I say I saw you one day sitting under the fig tree? You haven’t seen anything yet! Before this is over you’re going to see heaven open and God’s angels descending to the Son of Man and ascending again.”

SERMON

“Stuck In the Land of Look-Behind”

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

MEDITATIVE HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

[NOTE: If you are worshiping with us in-person please refrain from singing; humming or a time meditative silence is permissible. If you are at home on Facebook Live you may sing.]

1. When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

2. The night becomes as day when from the heart we say:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this th’eternal song through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

CLOSING PRAYER (responsively)

- Monica Whitehurst

L: Go into the world knowing you are led by the light of Christ,
May the love of the Creator go before you,
May the life of the Redeemer be within you,
May the joy of the Spirit shine through you,

P: Amen.

POSTLUDE

- Dana Moody