

**CELEBRATING THE SABBATH**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany**

January 10, 2020 at 10 o'clock



*A prayer for the many days spent peering into a computer screen,  
grateful for the means to connect with others and yet often exhausted by it all the same.*

Debbie Wong, from *The Work of the People*

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PRELUDES

*Go Tell It On the Mountain* (Afro-American Spiritual)  
The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube, Director

Arr. by James D. Kimball

*Les Trois Mages*

Olive Nelson Russell

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

As we gather separately, even at different moments in time, we acknowledge that the Holy Spirit connects us.

**God of infinite creativity, sweep into our presence where we are, as we are.**

God who called the created order into being, is calling forth new life even now.

**Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.**

**We gather now to worship.**

HYMN #173

*As with Gladness*  
Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**As with gladness sages bold did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so,  
true Morning Star, may we ever more your splendor see.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at the manger plain and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.**

## OPENING PRAYER

A prayer in search of holy connection by Debbie Wong, Work of the People

## A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

## ANTHEM

*He Is Born (18th Century French Carol)*  
The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube, Director

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## SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Genesis 1:1-5](#)

Beverli Christensen

## SERMON

*God Created. And then what?*

Erica Avena

## A TIME OF 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## A WORD FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Karriane Moody, Habitat for Humanity

## RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory

*Cathedral Shadows*

Gilbert M. Martin

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## HYMN #62

*Creator God, Creating Still*  
Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**Creator God, creating still, by will and word and deed,  
create a new humanity to meet the present need.**

**Great Trinity, for this new day we need your presence still.  
Create, redeem, sustain us now to do your work and will.**

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Now Join We All to Praise Thee*  
*(from Cantata No. 41)*

J. S. Bach