

St. Stephen’s

United Church of Christ

*Epiphany of the Lord*

*January 4, 2015*

 *10:30AM*

**Welcome and Announcements Rev. Nowell**

**Opening Ourselves to God**

**Prelude** “We Three Kings”**Cory Leckrone**

arr. Larry Shackley

**\*Call To Worship Rev. Nowell**

Your Breath, O God, first awakened us to life; awaken us now to the renewal of life that comes with each breath. Breathe into us here; gather and unite us by the breath that we share. It is your spirit that binds us together as sisters and brothers. Open our ears to hear your call; “be still, and know that I am God.”

**\*Hymn of Praise** “Arise, Your Light Is Come” **#231**

**Prayer of Confession Unison**

If we say we are without sin, we not only deceive ourselves, but waste our breath. We know that though we have sinned in thoughts, words and deeds, the God who breathed life into us will forgive us and continues to fill our entire selves with divine breath. In the presence of God and each other, let us confess our sins.

**Words of Assurance Rev. Nowell**

Holy God, your grace dispels all sin. We give thanks that your breath quickens us still. May we use your life-giving spirit to create calm for ourselves and each other.

Amen.

**\*Hymn of Worship** “Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom” **#234**

**Listen for God’s Voice**

**Old Testament Reading –** Jeremiah 31:7-10, page 734 **Tom Dawson**

**Solo** “Mary’s Baby Boy” **Matthew Griset** by Phillip Kern

**New Testament Reading –** Ephesians 1:15-21, page 192 **Tom Dawson**

**Children’s Time** **Rev. Nowell**

**Focus Reading –** Genesis 2:5-7**,** page 2

**Sermon** “Responding to the Chaos of Life - **Rev. Nowell**

The Breath of God”

**Responding as Worship**

**Hymn of Reflection** “We Three Kings of Orient Are” **#233**

**Offertory Prayer** **Rev. Nowell**

**Offertory Music** “We Three Kings” **Cory and Andrew Leckrone,**

 arr. Joel Raney (piano duet)

**\*Doxology** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” **#34**

**The Service of Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymn** “As We Gather at Your Table” **#695**

**Communion at the altar**

At the direction of the ushers, please go to the communion rail by the center aisle

and return to your seat by the side aisles.

**Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord’s 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

**Sung Response** “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” **#490**

**Hymn of Sending** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” **#248**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Stand as Able**

**Welcome To Our Guests**

 **We’re glad you came to Stephen’s UCC today. Please sign the**

 **visitor’s card you received from an usher, and put it in the**

 **offering plate. We would like to further acknowledge your**

 **visit.**

 Serving Today

 Pastor Rev. Luke Nowell

 Organist Cory Leckrone

 Reader Tom Dawson

 Nursery Michelle Neri-Lorette

 Ushers for January Maria Blair & Brenda Sullivan

There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately following the service today regarding the refurbishing of the stain glass windows. If you would like to see the proposal, they are available from an usher.

***Serving Next Week, January 11***

 Pastor Rev. Luke Nowell
 Organist Cory Leckrone

 Reader Brenda Sullivan

 Nursery Michelle Neri-Lorette

 Refreshments Maria Blair

 **Attendance Last Sunday: 38**

Thank you to those who volunteered to help with First Night at Saint Stephen’s.

**Upcoming Events**

February 6 – First Friday @ 5:30

February 18 – Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30

Our Prayer Concerns

Agnes Clay Sue Menefee Polly Edwards

 Anil & Shaila Solanki Genevieve Crowe Elaine Joeckes

 Cecil Gilkerson Carolyn Hubard Vivian Hevener

 Steve Starick Tommy Newberry Dot Kasten

 Pam Gilkerson Setzer Eliza Pilipenko Betty Jo Crist

 Doris Vaughan Faye Kersh

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