



**FIRST SUNDAY of EPIPHANY**  
January 10, 2021      10:30 AM

## Welcome to Worship

**It is a blessing to celebrate God's presence together.**

Thank you for sharing in our worship, as we continue to celebrate the Christmas season together.

We've just finished a difficult year, and we don't know what 2021 will bring. We're gathering for worship at a distance. Keeping physically apart is one way we care for each other, living out Jesus' command when he said, "Love one another." So it is good that we do this. Still, it is hard.

Still, we worship! God is with us, and the Holy Spirit brings us together into the community of Jesus. So we are blessed.

### **Joining Worship Online**

We're using Zoom for our worship times. It is an online tool that allows us to share in the experience together.

You can use Zoom from your computer, tablet, or mobile phone. You can also use a regular phone to call in and listen to the service. You'll need the sign-in information. Simply email us at [elorabethanyuc@wightman.ca](mailto:elorabethanyuc@wightman.ca) and we'll be glad to send you instructions.

## **As We Worship**

This booklet has all the information you need. Simply make your way through it on your own.

If you're able to watch online, all the words will be shown on your screen for you to see.

If you're sharing in the online worship the music will be playing and you can join in. Your computer microphone is muted, so you don't need to worry about others hearing you. Or, you can simply enjoy listening to the music.

*We live and worship on the traditional territories of the Attawandaron, Wyandot, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. We are people of the "Between the Lakes" treaty and Haldemand land grant. Grateful for their stewardship of this land, we humbly seek to live together in pursuit of justice and right relations.*

# Today's Worship

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## **God Gathers Us with Grace**

Coming together is God's gift. Give thanks!

### **Gathering Music**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prayer of Welcome and Worship**

We are gathered separately  
but we are together in God's Presence.

**Help me notice.**

God is with us in our hearts, our souls,  
and in our homes.

**Help us notice. Help us notice together.**

### **Gathering Prayer**

**Song: *As with Gladness, Men of Old*** (VU 81)

As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore your splendour see.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
to that lowly manger bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
Christ, whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with eager pace  
ever seek your throne of grace.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger crude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds your glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright  
none shall need created light;  
you its light, its joy, its crown,  
you its sun which goes not down;  
there for ever may we sing  
hallelujah to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix, c1858  
Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838  
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## God Feeds Us with God's Word

Listen to what God has done and is doing!

### Introduction and Welcoming

### God's Word in Scripture

**Reflection** Rev. Evan Swance-Smith

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## We Respond to God with Hope

Offer your prayers and gifts in response to God's grace.

### Prayers of the Community

#### Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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.  
Forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## In Our Church Family

### The Gift of Our Offerings

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## God Sends Us in Love

God is sending you! You are on a mission! Go well.

### Song: *Arise, Your Light is Come* (VU 79)

Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God,  
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the broken-hearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.

Words: Ruth Duck, 1974

Music: William Walker 1872

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## Sent to be With and For the World

Wherever we go, wherever we are, alone or not,  
**We are not alone. God is with us.**  
**Help us notice together.**

### Blessing

### Conversation Time

## Sunday News

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### Our Guest this Week

## Rev. Evan Swance-Smith



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*Turtle Clan*

Anishinaabe  
*Anishinaabe nation*

Niizh-manidoowag  
*Two-Spirit*

Mishomis/Nookomis endow  
*Grandfather/Grandmother*

Evan is a United Church minister who serves with the Toronto Urban Native Ministry (<https://sites.google.com/view/tunm>). TUMN is dedicated to serving Indigenous people living in the Greater Toronto Area, a population estimated to be more than 95,000. TUMN is in partnership with the United Church of Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada.

Evan is passionate about serving people who live on the margins and this compels their work on the front lines doing pastoral care and harm reduction with sex workers, LGBTQ2A youth, families, people who are incarcerated and street-involved folks.

Evan describes themselves as a Traditional Person following Jesus's teachings.

Evan is a Parent, a Grandparent, an Auntie, a Pipe Carrier, a carrier of Birth Teachings, and uses their healing work to encourage people's spiritual health through the practice of both Traditional Spirituality and Christianity.

In addition to ministry, Evan volunteers as a Doula and is a leader with Girl Guides Canada.

Greg knows Evan through their shared involvement in the *Cruxifusion* network. He is excited they are able to share in worship with us today!

Pronouns: She/Her/He/Him/Ze/Hir

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## Minister's Sabbatical

Greg Smith-Young is taking a mini-sabbatical this month. He is focusing this time on reading and preparation, as well as taking an online course through the University of Alberta, *Indigenous Canada*. While he is stepping back from many of his usual

activities, he continues to help our congregations' leadership team as it plans for the next few months.

If you need pastoral care from a minister, please contact:

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## Share in God's Mission

Your offerings are an important way you follow Jesus by sharing in our life and mission together. Here is information about how you can give to either of our congregations.

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### Give to Bethany UC

You can give to

- our General Fund
- the United Church of Canada's Mission & Service,
- our Future Fund

### Here are different ways you can give to Bethany UC.

#### Pre-Authorized Giving

Monthly offerings automatically deducted from your account. It's easy! Please contact Judy Howse-Ward to set this up. (519.846.2288)

#### Cheque

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- our General Fund
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- our Building Fund

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