

Epiphany Sunday
On the Road to Radiance

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement from Voices Together #878

*We acknowledge that we are gathering
on the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples.
We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities
in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.*

*We give thanks to Creator,
and to those peoples who have stewarded this and for generations.
We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and worship here,
as we witness the reconciling movement of the Spirit
and seek to live into right relations with our Indigenous neighbors
all of creation.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (adapted from Isaiah 60:4-6; Psalm 72:12)

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around:

People: God delivers the needy when they call.

Leader: Let your hearts thrill and rejoice:

People: God will deliver the poor and those who have no helper.

Leader: The nations will bring gold and frankincense before the Lord.

People: We shall see and be radiant,

All: and we will proclaim the praise of the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation Voices Together #859

God of every place, some of us see you today from mountains of joy
and confidence, mountains of gratitude and praise,
Some of us seek you today from valleys of grief or doubt,
valley of loss or exhaustion.

And in all places, there you are with us, nudging us onward.

When we descend from the heights,
show us your presence on the ground.

When we rise from the depths, show us the light of your way.

Meet us all on the path made by Jesus.

Hymn: Purple/VT #497 “Hallelujah! schöner Morgen”

497 Hallelujah! schöner Morgen (Hallelujah! Fairest Morning!)

HARWELL 8.7.8.7.7.7 with refrain

G D

Hal - le - lu - jah! schö - ner Mor - gen, schö - ner,
 1 Hal - le - lu - jah! fair - est morn - ing! Fair - er
 2 In the glad - ness of God's wor - ship we will
 3 Let the day with you be end - ed, as with

G D7 G

als man den - ken mag! Heu - te fühl ich kei - ne
 than our words can say! Down we lay the heav - y
 seek our joy to - day. It is then we learn the
 you it has be - gun; and your bless - ing, God, be

D G D7 G

Sor - gen, denn das ist ein lie - ber Tag,
 bur - den of our toil and care to - day,
 full - ness of the grace for which we pray,
 grant - ed, till earth's days and weeks are done;

der durch sei - ne Lieb - lich - keit
 1 while this morn of joy and love
 2 when the word of life is giv'n,
 3 that at last your ser - vants may

der durch sei - ne Lieb - lich - keit recht das
 1 while this morn of joy and love brings fresh
 2 when the word of life is giv'n, like the
 3 that at last your ser - vants may keep e -

G

recht das In - ner - ste er - freut.
 brings fresh vig - or from a - bove.
 like the Sav - ior's voice from heav'n.
 keep e - ter - nal Sab - bath day. Hal - le -

In - ner - ste er - freut.
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 ter - nal Sab - bath day.

D G D7 G

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men!

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. 5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephan; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Children's Christmas Gathering Song: **Gloria #204 HWB**

Children's Time: Kathy Braun

Offering Prayer/Offertory – V/T #861

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church – V/T #1107

God, give me grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that you will make all things right, if I surrender to your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen

Hymn: Purple/VT #277 “As with Gladness”

277 As with Gladness

DIX 7.7.7.7.7

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the

star be - hold, as with joy they hailed its light,
 low - ly bed, there to bend the knee be - fore
 rude and bare, so may we with ho - ly joy,
 nar - row way, and, when earth - ly things are past,

lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright; so, most gra - cious
 thee whom heav'n and earth a - dore; so may we with
 pure and free from sin's al - loy, all our cost - liest
 bring our ran - somed souls at last where they need no

God, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 treas - ures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
 star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

For higher key, see "For the Beauty of the Earth" #120.

Text: William C. Dix (England), ca. 1858. *Hymns of Love and Praise*

Response to the Scripture:

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: Purple/VT #275 "O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

275 O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM 9.8.10.9.8.10 with refrain

G C

1 O beau-ti-ful star of Beth-le-hem, shi-ning a - far through shad-ows
 2 O beau-ti-ful star, the hope of light, guid-ing the pil-grim through the
 3 O beau-ti-ful star, the hope of rest for the re-deemed, the good, and

G Em D A/E D/F#

dim, giv-ing a light for those who long have gone, (have gone,
 night, o - ver the moun-tain till the break of dawn; (the dawn;
 blest, yon-der in glo - ry when the crown is won; (is won,)

G C

and guid-ing the trav-'lers on their way un - to the place where Je - sus
 and in - to the light of per-fect day it will give out a love-ly
 for Je - sus is now that Star di-vine; bright-er and bright - er he will

G A7/E D7 G C G

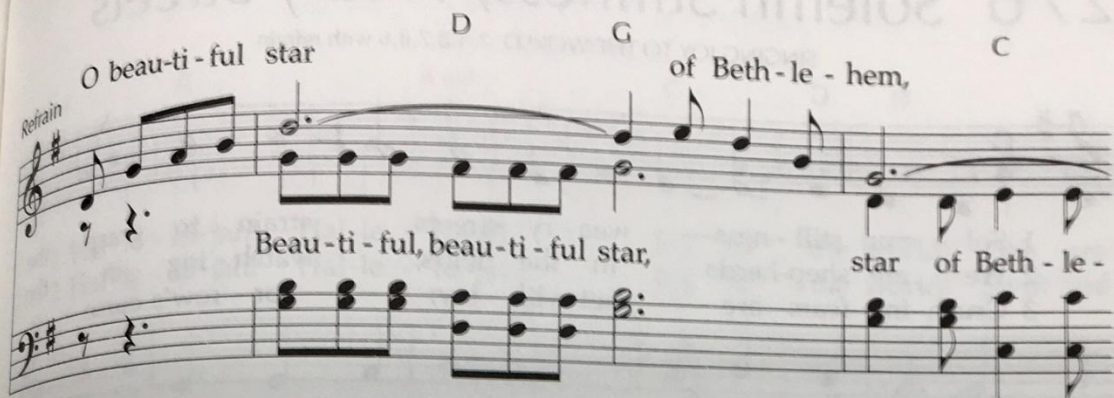
lay; beau-ti-ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)
 ray; beau-ti-ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)
 shine; beau-ti-ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)

TELLING GOD'S STORY: Epiphany

Refrain

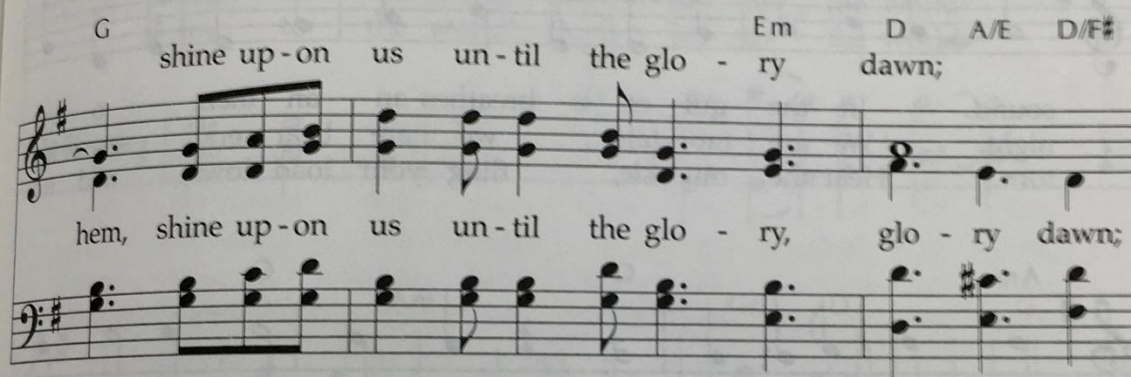
O beau-ti - ful star ^D of Beth - le - hem, ^G ^C

Beau-ti - ful, beau-ti - ful star, star of Beth - le -

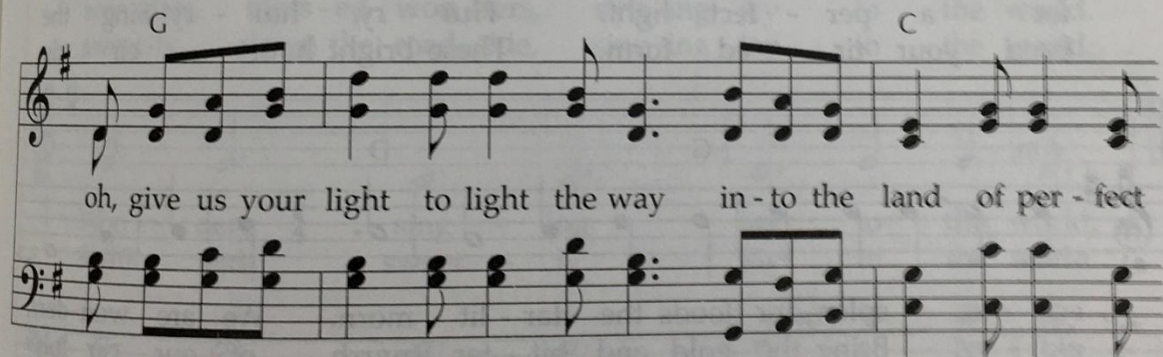


^G shine up - on us un - til the glo - ry ^{Em} ^D ^{A/E} ^{D/F#} dawn;

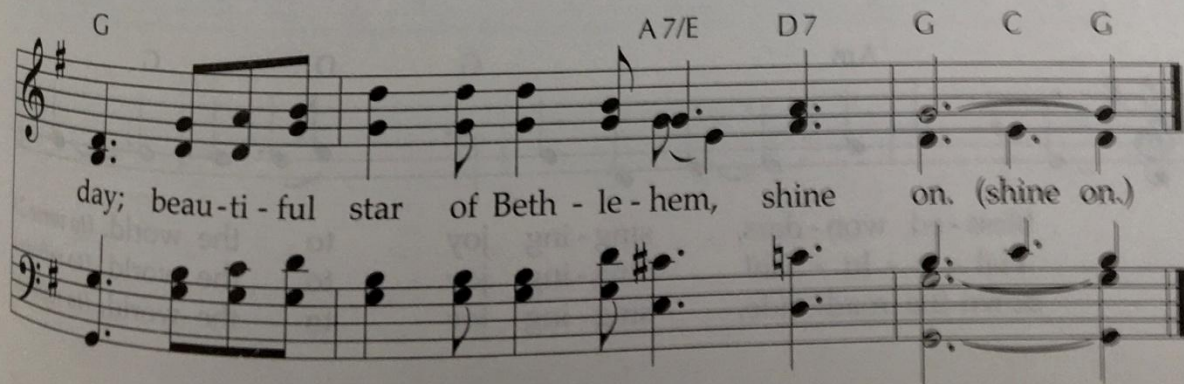
hem, shine up - on us un - til the glo - ry, glo - ry dawn;



^G oh, give us your light to light the way ^C in - to the land of per - fect



^G day; beau-ti - ful star ^{A7/E} ^{D7} of Beth - le - hem, shine ^G ^C ^G on. (shine on.)



Sermon: "On the Road to Radiance"

Patty Friesen

Hymn: Purple/VT #258

"Love Has Come"

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Love Has Come

UN FLAMBEAU (BRING A TORCH) 9.9.10.9.9.8

F Gm7/Bb C F

1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er.

Gm/Bb C7 F F/A Bb C7

Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it.
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er.
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.

Bb F/A Gm7 C Dm C F

Hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 What is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the

C A/C# Dm C F C C7 F

you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high!
 name she whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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 Music: attr. Nicolas Saboly (France), 17th c.; harm. Ken Bible
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Benediction: People of God, people on the road: arise and shine! Go forth in the radiance of God: for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Remember in Prayer:

Leo Driedger, the elder brother of Ben, Wilf and Jake Buhler, died in Winnipeg on December 28 at age 92. Leo was a renowned professor of sociology at the U of Manitoba. He was baptized at OMC. Leo was active in MCC and wrote prolifically about Mennonites. He was predeceased by his wife Darlene. Leo was a member of Charleswood MC in Winnipeg