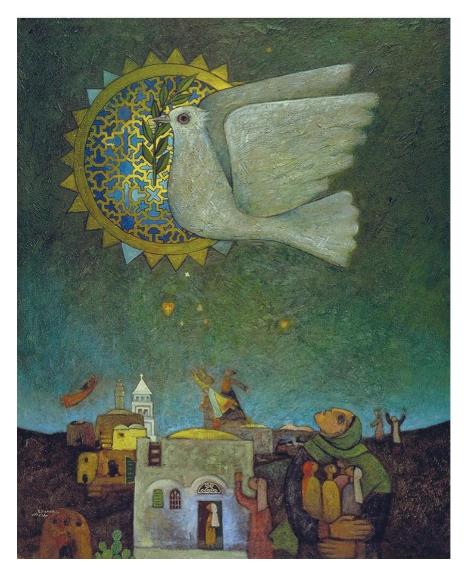
Epiphany



'Hope' by Sliman Mansour



January 7, 2024

Loving God, each other and our neighbours

GATHERING	
Prelude	
Hymn	In Thy Holy Place We Bow (VT 40)
Welcome	
Call to Worship	
Prayer of Invocation	
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING	
Hymn	The First Noel (VT 250) (verses 3-5)
Dedication of the Offering	
PRAYER of the CHURCH	
TELLING the EPIPHANY STORY	
Children's Feature	
Hymn	On this Great Day of Days (VT 260)
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon	"Everyday Epiphanies"
RESPONDING	
Hymn	As with Gladness (VT 277)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
SENDING	
Benediction	
Hymn	Longing for Light (VT 715)
Postlude	

Aaron Penner Worship Leader | Valerie Alipova Preacher, Children's Feature | Waldy Ens Song Leader | Adelia Neufeld Wiens Piano | Irma Fast Dueck Prayer of the Church | Ed Friesen Sound Tech | Martin Kaethler Projection | John Unrau Live-stream | Maureen Wilson-Penner, Lorraine Petkau Worship Visuals We affirm that the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. Recognizing that we are all treaty people, with gratitude we acknowledge our gathering on Treaty #1 land and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. **Imitating** the inclusive welcome of Jesus, we seek to be a community marked by the love of God. Regardless of age, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation, we invite you to make Bethel your spiritual home. Sharing the peace of Christ, together we strive to reveal the realm of God in the world.

Worship Focus

We will consider the cultural and historical backgrounds of the Magi and the significance of their journey from the East. The Magi bring a cultural richness to the Epiphany story, emphasizing the universal nature of Christ's message that transcends cultural boundaries. The focus will shift to the epiphanies we have in our everyday life, inviting us to see the Magi's encounter with Christ, not as a singular event but as an ongoing influence in their journey. With a mindset of openness and expectancy, we can recognize the possibility of encountering Christ in our everyday circumstances.



Today...

- Worship Service, 10:00 am: Valerie Alipova preaching
- Adult Ed, at 11:15 am: "Our Stories Matter" continues with a presentation by Ana Gschwend, a self-described "scrappy girl in a scrappy world".
- Kids Connecting begins again, at 11:15 am, in the lower level.

... and beyond

- Mon (Jan 8) | Harvest Manitoba, 4:00 pm
- Tues (Jan. 9) | Susan Dyck: Viewing at 10:00 am, Funeral at 11:00 am
- Wed (Jan 10) | BKC, 6:00 pm | BYC, 7:10 pm | Bethel Singers, 7:15 pm
- Thurs (Jan 11) |
- Fri (Jan 12) | MOMS group, 9:30 am
- Sun (Jan 14) |Worship, 10:00 am, Kathy McCamis preaching | Adult Ed, 11:15 am | Kids Connecting, 11:15 am

More event details are posted on the website - Bethel Calendar

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