

UNITED EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
East Avenue and Dillon St. Baltimore, Md.
The Rev. W. Scott Hengen III - Pastor
Mr. Robert Gundlach Director of Music
Sunday, January 11, 1981

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Silence and Meditation - Pew Prayers
Prelude: "To Jordan Came Our Lord The Christ"

- *Processional Hymn 123
*Solemn Declaration, Psalm 51:15-17 (p.504)
*Gloria Patri

Call to Confession and Confession of Sin
Pastor: *The Church Season of Epiphany has arrived. We celebrate here Christ's coming into our midst as the Light for the whole world.*

People: *We respond with joy and gratitude that God has sent His only Son to this world to bring us the true light of knowledge, hope, and truth that we need.*

Pastor: *The prophetic words of Isaiah foretold that God's chosen servant would have His Spirit put upon Him and He would bring forth justice to the nations. He would not quench even the most dimly burning wick of faith.*

People: *We also look to Him as our own true Light. We come with our lights of faith trimmed and burning brightly against the darkness of unbelief. But we are not perfect. We need also the forgiveness He brings to lighten the dark and gloomy places of our personal lives.*

Pastor: *Then with trusting faith, come to our Lord, Jesus Christ, with your sins and shortcomings. He will give to you the special light of His forgiving pardon and peace.*

All: *We confess to You, Lord Jesus, that our lives are not as they should be. We are not the perfect lights in this world that are needed to fully quench the darkness and despair of all human persons. Instead, we would ask for the forgiveness we need to show others our imperfection. Change and remold us to be-*

come more like the Light of Your full compassion toward us. Make us a light to the nations also. Amen

Pastor: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

People Sing: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Pastor: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

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Pastor: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

People Sing: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Pastor: *In spite of our sinfulness, one fact remains unchanged, that fact is the forgiving love God has had for us in the past and has for us right now. And He will always have this love for us. That good news brings each of us to a new life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

Praise Versicle (No. 517)

Pastor: *O Lord, open our lips.*

People Sing: *And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.*

Hymn 130

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Collect and The Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-7 (p.636)

Epistle: Acts 10:34-43 (p.123)

*Gloria Tibi #497

*Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 (p. 9)

Sermon: "A Light To The Nations"

*Apostles Creed (8:00 a.m.)

*Statement of Faith (Front of Hymnal) (10:30)

Hymn of the Month (See Insert)

Installation of Newly Appointed Council Members (10:30 a.m.)

Announcements and Moments of Concern

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Fugue" Handel

*Dedication of Offerings and Doxology

Special Music:

8:00 a.m. - "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. - "He Touched Me" - Duet - Mrs.
Katherine Bush and Mrs. Florence Gundlach

Morning Prayers and Lord's Prayer (Choral
Response)

- *Benediction
- *Recessional Hymn 126
- Silence and Meditation
- Postlude: "How Firm A Foundation" Jordan
- *Congregation Standing
- **Please leave Hymn of the Month insert sheet
in the Pews.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND"

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring me home through the night,
Through the dark, through the storm,
To Thy light.
I have been to the mount,
I have seen the Promised Land.
Precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring Thy child home at last,
Where the strife and the pain are all past,
I have dreamed a great dream
That Thy love shall rule our land
Precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Take Thy child unto Thee,
With my dream of a world that is free
For that day when all flesh
Joins the glory Thou hast planned,
Precious Lord, take my hand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Self-Denial Folders will be accepted
at any time.



*Thou hast made summer and winter.
Psalm 74:17*