

January 6, 2022 – Epiphany

Seeking the Light

[Isaiah 6:1-7](#)

Arise, shine, for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness, the people. But the Lord will arise over you, and His Glory will be seen over you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Today, January 6, is Epiphany on the church calendar: the day we celebrate the arrival of the Magi.

Three Kings who followed a star – a light – for well over the length of time we have had since December 25th.

The world had been in darkness – the darkness of the unknowing of the love of God in the flesh. In Genesis God creates the world, and on the fourth day, God created Light, but the world has been in a darkness without love.

“Epiphany” other than with the church, it is a new idea – a new discovery. And I think of how well that fits with Christ being a new idea. A new way of thinking.

In John’s gospel, John is to be a witness to the *true light*. We know this *true light* is to be Christ Jesus, God in the flesh. He brought His perfect love to the Gentiles and all people. He did not speak only to those in the temple structure, or to those who were part of the faith community. His message of love is for everyone.

Now it is our turn to Arise, shine, and carry the Love that is God to others. As we go into this new year, 2022, may our voices and actions spread the word of the love of God to all people with whom we may come in contact.

And while we are going on this path of discovering disciples for the transformation of the world, I suggest taking some time to listen to Handel’s Messiah, as the scripture passage from Isaiah is proclaimed in the section, “The Glory of the Lord.”

Prayer: *Gracious and Loving God, it is our turn to proclaim the news of Christ, God incarnate, Love in human body. As we go about our daily lives may we share the message of love for all. If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours. In Christ’s name. Amen.*

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