

Melville United Church

January 3, 2016

Epiphany

**\*Congregation please stand as you are able.**

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

**Presiding today; Rev. Robin Osborne**



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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Sharing the Light**

**Prelude/Centering Time**

**Call to worship**

We are all pilgrims, on a journey for truth.

**Our many journeys have brought us together, in this place.**

In the midst of our troubles, God comes.

**Let us lay our worries and cares down for a time.**

May we welcome each other to this place,

**letting the joy of God to enter our souls!**

Passing the Peace and Best Wishes

**\*Hymn VU 79 Arise, Your Light Has Come**

**Opening Prayer**

The wise ones pilgrimaged to see the Christ child.

**They followed the star, the light of God's signs.**

The light can be visible to all, but only the wise ones follow it.

**Where have you seen the light this past year?**

Where have we come from?

**Amen**

**Prayer for inner healing**

**Words of Assurance**

**Chorus: VU 87 I am the Light of the World (Refrain)**

**I am the light of the world!**

**You people come and follow me!**

**Sunday January 3, 2015**

**If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.**

**Theme Conversation: Humphrey's First Christmas**

**Hymn:** VU 73 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

**Scriptures:**

Isaiah 60:1-6 (paraphrase)

Matthew 2:1-12 (drama)

**Meditation**.....Retreat - Resolve - Revolve

**\*Hymn 87** I am the Light of the World

**Offering**

**Ministry of Music:**

**Offering Hymn:** As With Gladness Men of Old - vs 3

VU 81

**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 new born King.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

As the magi brought gold  
**so we bring these gifts.**

As the magi brought frankincense  
**so we bring our prayers**

As the magi brought myrrh,  
**so we bring our whole lives to you, O God Amen**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Prelude:** MV 96 And When You Call for Me

**And when you call for me, I have already answered.**

**And when you call for me, I am already there. (Repeat)**

**Prayer:**

**Let us pray**

We are both pilgrims who journey, and innkeepers  
who give travelers a place of sanctuary.

**We keep our hearts open to the transformation of  
the journey, as well as the transformation of  
giving warm welcome**

**Prayer of Jesus**

**\*Hymn:** VU 43 Go Tell it on the Mountain

**\*Blessing:**

**\*Parting Song:** VU 44 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear vs4

**For, lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendours fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.**

Postlude:

**Partners in Prayer:** Central Pentecostal Church

**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** Hepworth - Sauble Beach

**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford