



January 21, 2018

FULLERTON FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The green altar cloths indicate that we have entered "Ordinary time" in the season after the Epiphany. The twelfth day of Christmas, January 6th, is the Epiphany of our Lord, it celebrates the "aha" of God's revelation in Jesus and the arrival of the Wise Men and their gifts. The scriptures throughout these weeks shine with the radiance of Christmas as Jesus is revealed and shows us The Way.

**Indicates: Please stand if you are able.*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude

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Anna Reiley, Organ

Johann Michael Haydn

Introit

"Festive Praise"

Aldersgate Chorale

Allen Pote

Welcome and Greeting

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Chorus**

"Praise the Name of Jesus"

***Call to Worship**

Jesus says, "Now is the time!"

Startle us, God, from our busyness and routines. Show us how very close your Kingdom is.

Jesus says, "God's kingdom is at hand!"

Startle us, God, from faith in our own strength.

Free us from the traps of violence, dishonesty, and greed.

Jesus says, "Receive the good news from God!"
Embolden us, God, to trust you anew.
For we are as fragile as breath,
and draw our strength from your mercy and compassion.

*Hymn "The Summons" (stanzas 1, 2, 4, & 5)

***Opening Prayer**

Loving God, in this season of Epiphany,
your kingdom has drawn close--
so close we can almost touch it.
May our worship today draw us closer to you
and to one another.
You call, and like Jonah, we run away
in our unwillingness to bring the good news
of grace and mercy to others.
You call, and like the disciples, we trip over our own feet
as we rush after you.
Your strength and kindness never falter, they never fail.
You never abandon us.
This is our song of worship this day!

***Gloria Patri**

"Good Morning, Fullerton" with Barbara Giasone
Today Barbara interviews Ella Casto

A TIME OF PRAYER

Anthem

"Psalm 150"

Allen Pote

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill our minds with your truth,
Fill our hearts with your love,
In the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen

Scripture

John 3:1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20

Response

This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God!

Message

“Billy Elliot and the Dance of Joy” Pastor Paula Ferris

Let's Go to the Movies! Part 3

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Time of Offering

Offertory

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. by Mark Hayes

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Reception of New Members

Robert and Kelly Jimenez

Andrew Jimenez

Joyce Samuel

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

***Hymn**

“God of Love and God of Power”

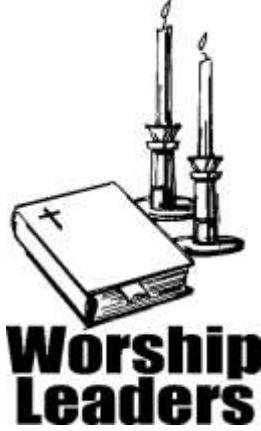
***Benediction**

***Postlude.**

“Voluntary III”

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Sermon Notes:



Pastor: Rev. Paula Ferris
Liturgists: Tom and Carole Casto
Music Director: Russell Wilson
Organist: Anna Reiley
Acolyte: Ryan Reger
Sound Technician: Brandon Scrivner
Power Point: Mike Bankhead
Usher Team: Rani Kuusto, Linda Heiss,
Vickie Johnson, and Chris Pavik

The altar flowers this morning are presented by
Derek and Viviane Kirk
In celebration of their first wedding anniversary.

and

The Red and white flowers given by April Moell in honor and
remembrance of those leukemia patients who went through
unsuccessful treatments that ultimately led to my long term
remission.