

January 6, 2019  
Epiphany

**Des Moines Intentional Eucharistic Community**  
*All are welcome at our table*

Prayer Leader: Diane Morain

Music Leader: Kevin Pokorny

**Opening Song: *The People that Walk in Darkness* (insert)**

**Blessing**

Prayer Leader: Let us begin in prayer remembering the many images of God.

**ALL: In the Name of God Who Brings Light, God Who Brings Peace, and God Who Is. Amen.**

Prayer Leaders: Peace be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

**Prayer Before the Readings**

Prayer Leader: Shepherd of Israel and Light of all Nations,  
made known in the gifts of those who call to other names  
and walk on different ways:

**ALL: May unjust powers and the hatred within us  
be dismayed by your friendship and dethroned by your love;  
through Jesus Christ, the open arms of grace. Amen.**

*(Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapted)*

Prayer Leader: In your presence, O God, may our minds be opened, our spirits renewed, and  
our questions and insights shared.

**ALL: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72**

**ALL: O God, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

**ALL: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Dialogue Homily**

*Our dialogue homily is a time of reflection and sharing on the readings as they  
speak to our faith and life experiences, and as expressed and lived by our  
varied faith traditions.*



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**Prayers of the People**

Prayer Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise, and offer them for the earth and its creatures. Follow each petition with "We pray."

**R: God, hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: God of Hope, we pray you will comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit — those whom we have named and those we hold in our hearts.

**ALL: May they know the power of your healing love.** *(A New Zealand Prayer Book, adapted)*

Prayer Leader: Receive our prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do. *(Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002, adapted)*

**ALL: Amen.**

**First Sunday Collection Recipient: Iowa Sanctuary Movement Asylum Support Fund**

**Communal Offering**

Prayer Leader: God, the earth is yours, and everything in it. We come now to this table to make a return to You for all You have so generously given to us.

**ALL: In this gathering, we are fed and nourished with the gift of Word, with bread and wine, and with the gift of one another.**

**East:** You feed us that we may become what we eat—that we become bread for the world.

**West:** In thanksgiving, we offer our prayers and gifts, our daily lives, our very selves to You and to our world.

**ALL: May this offering we now collect support our community gathered here and carry our prayers and our work into the wider world. Amen.**

**Offertory Song: Bread of Life #369**

**Eucharistic Prayer of Epiphany**

*We gather around the altar for our prayer. Readers are not specifically assigned for the parts; please feel free to recite a passage if you feel so moved. **Bold parts are read in unison.** When it is time to bless the bread and wine, please extend a hand palm up as we say the words of blessing together. If you would like gluten-free bread, please stand by the podium.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Please join hands as we say The Lord's Prayer, beginning with "God with Us."*

**Peace**

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### **Communion Prayer**

**We share this bread that was broken for us,  
that we might learn how to be the Body of Christ.**  
**We share the cup that was poured out for us,  
that we might learn how to pour out our lives for one another.**

“You are the bread of life.”      “You are the cup of life.”

*When everyone has received Communion, please return to seats for silent prayer.*

### **Communion Meditation**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Prayer Leader: In the beginning, O God, was your Word,  
and now in time your Word becomes flesh.  
The light that shines unconquered  
through the darkness of the ages  
has made a dwelling place among us,  
transforming earth’s gloom into heaven’s glory.

**ALL: As we behold the messenger who announces your peace,  
touch our lips as well, that we may lift up our voices  
as bearers of Good News and heralds of your love.  
We ask this through Jesus the Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever. Amen.**

*(At Home with the Word, adapted)*

### **Healing Blessing**

*Anyone taking bread and wine to someone in the community is invited to come forward.*

Prayer Leader: May our thoughts and prayers go to \_\_\_\_\_ and all those who need healing.  
We hold them in our hearts.

**ALL: We send you with bread and wine and the prayers of our community. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

### **Blessing**

Prayer Leader: May we who have been touched by the Word made flesh,  
be his body for the world, his hands to bring blessing, his senses to glory,  
in the promise of creation restored.      *(Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapted)*

**ALL: In the Name of God Who Brings Light, God Who Brings Peace, and God Who Is. Amen.**

**Final Song: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* #101, v. 1-3**

***Please return the Eucharistic Prayer handout to the basket and  
take this Prayer Aid/Bulletin home with you.***

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***Thank you for sharing in our celebration of faith this morning.  
Please join us for refreshments immediately following the service.  
We pray together in this space every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
All are welcome!***

**For the collection each week, checks can be written to "DMIEC."** The First Sunday collection each month supports a selected charitable organization. The remaining collections cover utility, insurance, and other usual and customary expenses. Contributions are tax-deductible.

**Collection Recipient on TODAY: Iowa Sanctuary Movement Asylum Support Fund**

The Iowa Sanctuary Movement asylum support fund was set up to support two families from El Salvador who are living in Des Moines while seeking asylum. The families consist of two mothers, one with a 10-year-old daughter and the other with a 10-year-old son. They live together in an apartment on Hickman Road. The kids attend Monroe school. The families need assistance with rent, utilities, food, clothing, and all living expenses. Financial support is paramount in getting through the next few months as asylum hearings are held.

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines is the fiscal agent for donated funds. ***Checks can be written either to "First Unitarian Church of DSM" with "ISM Asylum Support" on the memo line or to "DMIEC."***  
*DMIEC is a sanctuary support community and a member of the Iowa Sanctuary Movement.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact Person(s):</b>
Thursday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee Meeting	Social Justice Committee
Monday, January 14, 6:00 p.m.	Community Council Meeting	Community Council
Wednesday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.	Liturgy Planning Meeting	Liturgy Team
Wednesdays, January 16, 23 & 30, February 6, 1:00 p.m.	Book Study Group: <i>Climate Church, Climate World</i>	Mary Ann Koch and Julie Powell-Mohr
Sunday, January 20, after service	Community Conversation	Community Council

**MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

Prayer Leader: Charlene Skidmore

Liturgy Coordinator: Gina MacRae

Bread Baker: Kathy Reardon

Readers: Bob Mulqueen, Kathy Reardon, Pat Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: Martha Gelhaus, Cindy Mumm, Diane Morain

Straighten Worship Area: *Volunteer needed*

Hospitality: Mary Ann Koch, Mary Beth Reiff, Martha Gelhaus. *Volunteers needed.*

***PLEASE SIGN UP! Volunteer signup sheets are located in the entry hallway. Instructions for the various volunteer positions are available on the web site (dmiec.org) or in the Liturgy Room.***

Music Leader: Julie Powell-Mohr

Prayer Aid Distributor: Jean Minahan

Greeters: John Waters and Kris Wells

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

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**Catholic Worker House Needs:** Cold weather brings a need for warm items for the Catholic Worker House guests — jackets, socks, stocking caps, blankets, and sleeping bags. Other immediate needs: disposable razors, shaving cream, and deodorant. Place donations in the grocery cart in the coatroom.

### DMIEC EVENTS:

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING, January 10, 6:30 p.m.**

Social Justice Committee meets the second Thursday of odd-numbered months. **New committee members always needed and welcome.** Interested in joining us or nominating a First Sunday recipient organization? See Steve Gude, Dick Mullen, Martha Gelhaus, Kevin Armstrong, Mary Caponi, Pat Miller, Cece Arnold, Kathy Eastman, Cindy Mumm, Mary Ann Koch, and Bob Mulqueen.

#### **Book Study Group: *Climate Church, Climate World***

**Wednesdays, January 16, 23 & 30, February 6, 1:00 p.m.**

*Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change* by Jim Antal is a book “founded on scripture and informed by science” that challenges people of faith to “come together in prayer and conversation” to meet the climate emergency of today.

### AREA EVENTS:

#### **We Are Church Confessing**

**Today, 1:00-1:30 p.m., Pappajohn Sculpture Park, 1330 Grand Ave., Des Moines**

*We Are Church Confessing* is an effort to call the church to publicly pray, confess, and bear witness to the sacredness of human life that our religious traditions call us to honor and protect. Ecumenical, interdenominational services are held in a public space the first Sunday of each month in response to our country’s political crisis, which pertains to basic issues of human rights about which we can agree to take a public stand. Hosted by Wellspring Community Church. For more information, contact Carmen Lampe Zeitler, carmenandjohn@aol.com.

#### **What’s Killing Our Children? What Can We Do?**

**Thursday, January 17, 7:00 p.m. Grand View University Student Center, Des Moines**

Speakers, music, poetry, and action steps. Speakers will include: Laurel Clinton on racial profiling in Des Moines; Brian Terrell on Yemen-Afghanistan; Maria Filipone on Israel-Palestine; Ann Naffier on the US-Mexico border. Co-sponsored by Catholic Peace Ministry.

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Polio Plus Night with the Iowa Wolves**

**Saturday, February 2, 7:00 p.m., Wells Fargo Arena**

See the Iowa Wolves vs. Memphis Hustle and help a great cause. Good sideline tickets that normally sell for up to \$30 are just \$20/ticket. Enjoy NBA-quality entertainment and, more importantly, be part of a global humanitarian and historic event: the eradication of polio from the planet. Two-for-one match by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. For tickets, contact Ed Arnold, edarnold1945@gmail.com.

### **A CLIMATE REVIVAL CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, February 9, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Plymouth Congregational Church, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., DM**

Keynote speaker Rev. Jim Antal, author of *Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change*. Co-sponsored by Interfaith Green Coalition, Iowa Interfaith Power and Light, and Plymouth Creation Care & Justice Coalition. No fee for the conference; freewill offering for lunch. Registration at [www.iowaipl.org](http://www.iowaipl.org). (See corresponding book study group under “DMIEC Events.”)

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**Charting Your Soul's Compass: A Women's Reflective Writing Retreat**  
**March 28 – 31, St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, Nebraska**

Mary Kay Shanley and Diane Douiyssi offer this Thursday evening through Sunday noon retreat that encourages women to experience the treasure of expression waiting to emerge, to consider the possibilities that await the writer within, and to celebrate the purpose and direction in their own lives. For more information, please go to [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com).

**If you are new to IEC and would like a printed nametag, please sign up on the sheet in the entry hallway. Please include your email address if you would like to be added to our distribution list. PLEASE NOTE: Signing up for a nametag and emails does not register you as a member of DMIEC. You must be a registered member to access the Members section of our web site and to vote in DMIEC elections. There is no tithing commitment. For more information or to register, please contact Jim Fifield, [dmiec11@gmail.com](mailto:dmiec11@gmail.com) or 720-2104.**

**BREAD AND WINE**

If you would like to take the bread and wine to someone, or if you would like a member to bring bread and wine to you, please call Diane Morain at 491-7778 or talk to her before worship on Sunday. The bread and wine can then be blessed by the community during our Liturgy of the Eucharist. *Sharing the bread and wine is a vital part of our community.*

**PLAYROOM SUPERVISION RULES**

- Any child using the playroom must have their parent or other adult relative present in the playroom or immediately outside the room to maintain visual contact of the child.
- During Sunday services or other events, the parent or other adult relative may move a chair from the worship area to the hallway outside the playroom door to be able to participate in the service and maintain supervision of the child.
- If their parent or other adult relative is not present in the playroom, then two approved volunteers must be present. One of the volunteers must be 18 or older.

*Individuals 14 years of age and older, who would like to supervise children in the playroom, must be approved by the Community Council. If interested in being approved, please contact Dennis Rhodes ([DennisRho@msn.com](mailto:DennisRho@msn.com) or 371-6494) or Karen DeHaven ([kdehaven@mchsi.com](mailto:kdehaven@mchsi.com) or 205-1086).*

**COMMUNITY CONTACTS**

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**Meal Coordinator:**

Karen DeHaven ([kdehaven@mchsi.com](mailto:kdehaven@mchsi.com) or 205-1086)  
*(Contact Karen to coordinate meal deliveries to DMIEC members suffering from illness, surgery, or accident.)*

**Community Council**

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**PERSONAL MINISTRIES**

*The Pastoral Care Ministry Team invites people in our community to offer their time as ministry to one another. Your ministry may include offering minor home repairs, yard work, pet care, respite care, prayer companion, rides to our Sunday prayer service, moving assistance, etc. For information, see flyers and signup sheet in the entry hallway.*

**There is an assistance fund for DMIEC members** needing emergency financial assistance with food, shelter, utilities, transportation and medical and/or health issues. If you face such a need, we encourage you to contact a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry Team.

**Building-Use Forms** are on the web site. For information, please contact Mary Routh.

**To submit an item for the bulletin, please send to Martha Fifield, [martha.fifield@gmail.com](mailto:martha.fifield@gmail.com).**

Weekly Prayer Aids/Bulletins are available at [dmiec.org](http://dmiec.org). In the *Members* area in the left column, click on *Readings, Prayer Aids, Administration Files*, then *Our Weekly Prayer Aid*. Only registered DMIEC members may access this area of the web site.

**To have full access, you may want to consider becoming a member.** If you are not a registered member (or are not sure whether you are registered), contact Jim Fifield, [dmiec11@gmail.com](mailto:dmiec11@gmail.com), 720-2104. You may also contact Jim if you are already a member and are having issues accessing the web site, or if you wish to update your personal information on the members' list on our web site.



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