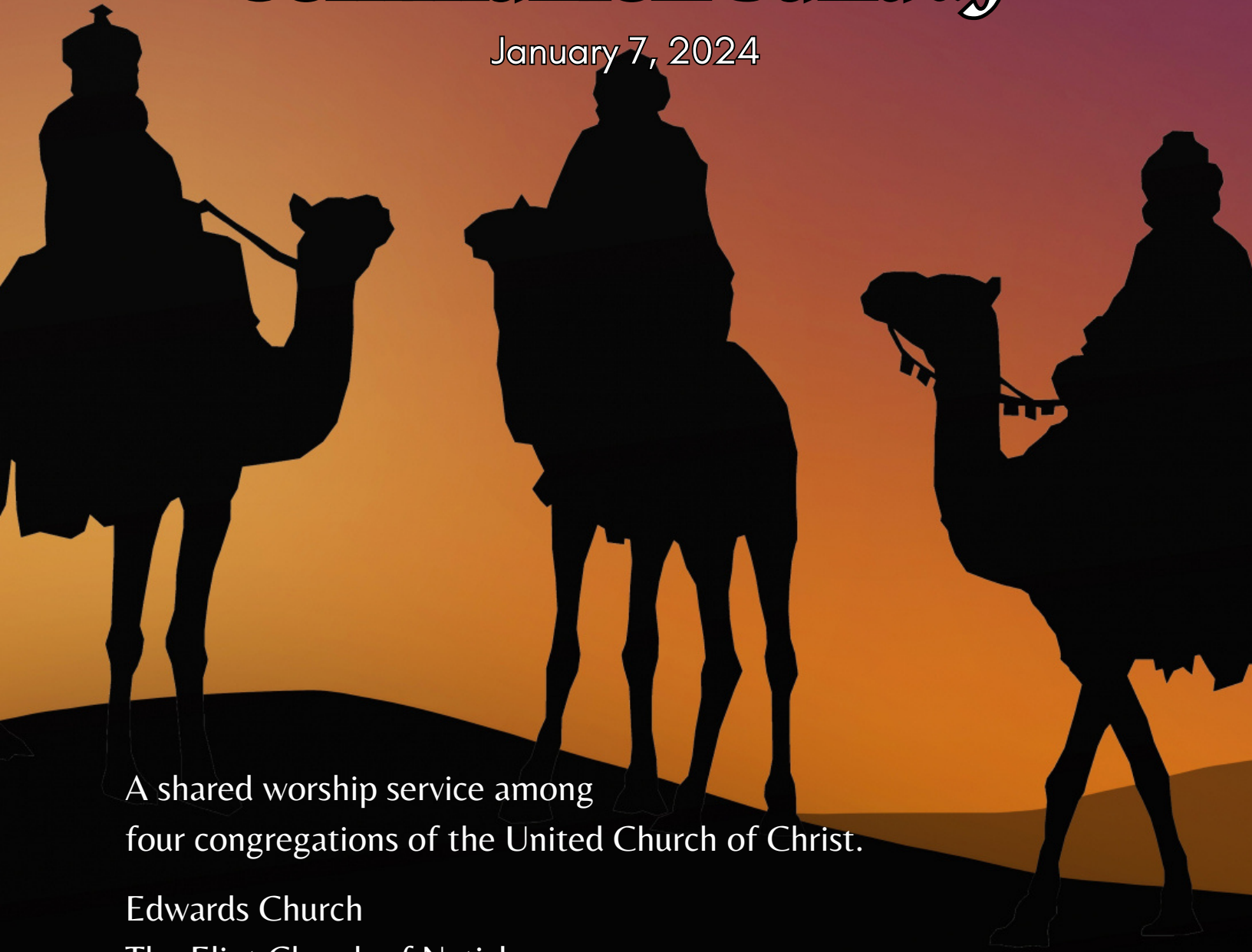


Epiphany

Communion Sunday

January 7, 2024



A shared worship service among
four congregations of the United Church of Christ.

Edwards Church

The Eliot Church of Natick

First Congregational Church of Natick

The Plymouth Church in Framingham

Sunday, January 7, 2024
Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, speak our language or share our traditions. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you inspire that in us. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you!

Word for All Ages

Musical Response

During the Musical Response Children are invited to depart for Godly Play and Connect

Scripture

Sermon

Invitation to the Offering

Choir Anthem *Amen! Go Tell It On the Mountain* *Mary McDonald*

* *As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.*

Blessing of the Gifts

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Benediction

Postlude



Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Clark, Pastor, Edwards Church Framingham

The Rev. Gregory Morisse, Pastor, The Plymouth Church in Framingham

The Rev. Dr. Karen Nell Smith, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation and Outreach, Edwards
Church Framingham

The Rev. Dr. Adam Tierney-Eliot, Pastor, Eliot Church of Natick

The Rev. Cindy Worthington-Berry, Pastor, First Congregational Church Natick

Sarallyn Keller, Director of Spiritual Vitality and Congregational Care, First Congregational
Church Natick

*Special gratitude to our preacher, The Rev. Liz Garrigan-Byerly,
Executive Minister for Area Conference Ministry,
for the Southern New England Conference.*

Scripture Readers

Rosemary Driscoll, Eliot Church

Grace Gamez, Edwards Church

Kristen McDonough, First Church

Alan Rapoza, Plymouth Church


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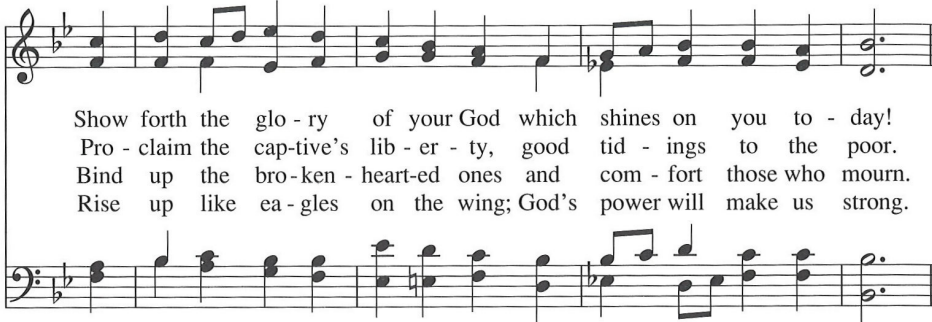
Arise, Your Light Is Come

Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21

Ruth Duck, 1973



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.
William Walter, 1872

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Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

(Jesus, the Light of the World)

John 8:12; 9:5

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.; adapt. George D. Elderkin; alt.

1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 2 Joy-ful, all you saints a-rise, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 3 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 4 Hail the Bear-er of God's peace! Je-sus, the light of the world;

Glo-ry to the Christ-child bring, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Join the tri-umph of the skies, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Word, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the light of the world.

Refrain

We will fol-low the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the

dew-drops of mer-cy are bright, Shine all a-round us by

day and by night, Je-sus, the light of the world.

The original version of Charles Wesley's hymn has received various alterations throughout the years. This adaptation by George Elderkin utilizes a repeated ascription, "Jesus, the light of the world," and a refrain to create a rousing carol of praise.

Tune: ELDERKIN 7.7.7.7. with refrain
 George D. Elderkin
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

Children and Youth

Children and youth are always welcome in our worship services. The Prayground down front has a great view and quiet activities. Midway through worship, children ages 3 through grade six are invited to join in for Sunday School: preschoolers through kids in grade 3 explore sacred story through the Godly Play curriculum, and youth in grades 4 through 6 participate in our Connect program. Staffed nursery care is also available near the sanctuary throughout the service. Ask an usher for directions and additional information.

After worship

All are invited downstairs for snacks and conversation.

Continuing the Conversation

Lucia Panichella, LCSW, is the Senior Director, Programs and Partnership for Jewish Family Services. Lucia will share with us insights into the social, emotional, and financial needs of immigrants, refugees, and asylees. After a brief presentation, Lucia will lead a discussion and answer questions.

Today's Offering

All gifts this morning will be given to *Jewish Family Services of MetroWest* for their Immigrant/Refugee/Asylee Assistance Fund. If you have a gift specific to your local congregation, we ask this morning that you give that directly to your church's Financial Secretary or other trusted person. To make your gift directly, scan the QR code with your phone's camera or visit jfsmw.org/donate.






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2 CENTRAL STREET, WELLESLEY

COORDINATED BY 
CANTORIAL SOLOIST JODI BLANKSTEIN,
SINGER/SONGWRITER JODI HEIGHTS,
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC DR. KEVIN McDONALD





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24 Vernon Street, Framingham
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508.872.3111
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First Baptist

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Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
firstbaptistframingham.org

Beacon of Hope (United Methodist)

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Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
508.877.2151
beaconofhopeumc.org

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508.872.8300
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Framingham Friends Meeting

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508.877.1261
quakercloud.org/cloud/framingham-friends-meeting

Faith Community Church (Framingham Campus)

50 Pamela Road, Framingham (Temple Beth Shalom)
Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
faithma.org/framingham-campus

Community of Saint Luke

39 Edwards Street, Framingham
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stlukema.com

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