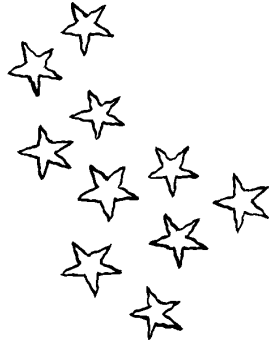


— Epiphany Weekend —  
SUNDAY WORSHIP with COMMUNION  
Jan 4, 2026 ~ 10:30am



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**Mission Statement:** As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

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— ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC

*Sharon Novak*

CALL to WORSHIP

*by George Family from Past Meets Future*

One: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

**People:** *God is there.*

One: When Jesus is presented at the temple,

**People:** *God is there.*

One: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

**People:** *God is there.*

One: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

**People:** *God is there.*

One: This very morning,

**People:** *God is here.*

One: In the future we cannot see,

**ALL:** *God is there.*

\*SONG 116

*People, Look East (v 1-2)*

*Sharon Novak*

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS of PEOPLE & SILENCE

**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 and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

\*SONG 141

*The First Nowell (v 3-5)*

*Sharon Novak*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 2:22-38*

REFLECTION

*HOUSE OF LIGHT*

*Rev Gail Doktor*

— OFFERING —

\*SONG 44

*Doxology*

*Sharon Novak*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

— COMMUNION —

INVOCATION

*From You Who Bless by Jan Richardson*

One: You who are yourselves a blessing

**People:** **Who know that to feed the hungry is to bless**

One: And to give drink to those who thirst is to bless

**People:** **Who know the blessing in welcoming the stranger**

One: And giving clothes to those who have none

**People:** **Who know to care for the sick is blessing**

One: And blessing to visit the prisoner:

**People:** **May the blessing you have offered  
now turn itself toward you**

**All:** **To welcome and to embrace you at the  
feast of the blessed.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON & INVITATION TO TABLE

BLESSING & SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*SONG 116

*People, Look East* (v 3-4)

Sharon Novak

— CLOSING —

BENEDICTION

*May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.*

*May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.*

*May the love of God live in us today.*

*May the peace of God be with us today,*

*May the peace of God be with us today.*

*May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.*

*May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,*

*May the love of God shine through us today.*

*\*Please rise if you're able \*\*Communion elements are gluten free and nonalcoholic.*

PRAYERS:

**For PEOPLE:** *Focus this week:* Betsy, Bill M., Bob C., Cindi, David, Dawson, Dave & Beth, Deb L., Jenn, Jess, Joyce A., Judy, Kailee, Karen, Laurie M., Larry, Linda, Maureen C., Mary, Nancy, Nat & June, Rob, Ruth, Sue T.R., Steve, Tom, Tyler, Val.

**Continuing:** Alexis, Alice, Annie, Arden, Barbara, Bob G., Bruce, Cal, Cameron, Carl, Cindi, Corey, David, Dawson S., Deb W., Don, Ed, Emmie, George, Karen, Kevin, Jan, Jean, Jim H., Joe, Joan, John, John H., Joyce, Jonathan, Judy, Karen, Kim, Kathy, Ian, Laurie, Marcia, Matteo, Maureen, Mary, Meg, Michelle, Parker, Petros, Phaedra, Pojen, Robert G., Sally, Sam, Sarah, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Tony, Rob, Robert, Val, Wayne, Lori's niece & nephew.

**For PLACES** — For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places of the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.

EPHIPHANY WEEKEND

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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JACKSON COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC  
JACKSON, NH

**LUKE 2: 22-38 — *Jesus Is Presented in the Temple***

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon<sup>[e]</sup> came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon<sup>[h]</sup> took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> *“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word,*

<sup>30</sup> *for my eyes have seen your salvation,*

<sup>31</sup> *which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,*

<sup>32</sup> *a light for revelation to the gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”*

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, *“This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed<sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”*

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,<sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.