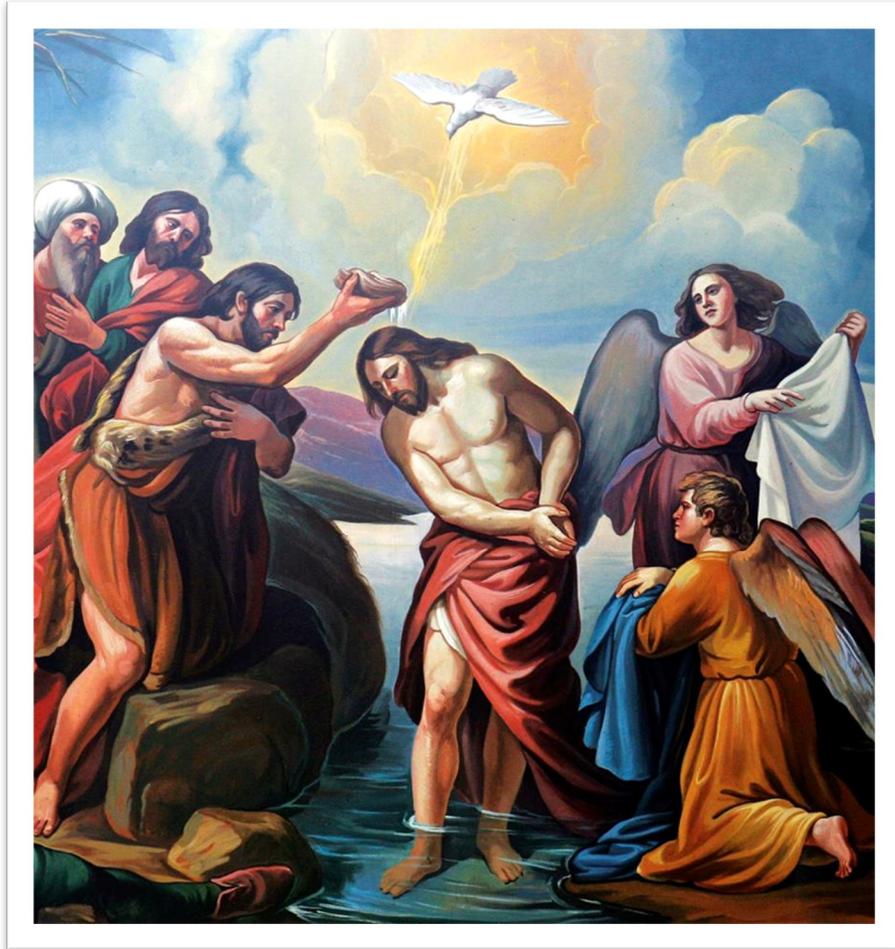


# Grace United Church of Christ



**Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord  
Sunday, January 9th, 2022  
Worship Service**

## ***We Gather***

10:45am                      Pre Live Stream Video Loop

Prelude                      "We Three Kings", John Henry Hopkins, Jr.,  
arr. Regina Pozzi

*(During our prelude, please take your seat and enjoy the music as we center ourselves for worship and invite God's presence into our hearts.)*

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Opening Reading                      Matthew 2: 1-12

\*Call to Worship

The Grace of the Lord Jesus be with you  
**And also with you**  
The splendor of Christ shines upon us.  
**Praise the Lord!**

\*Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you  
And also with you  
Let us pray: (brief silence)  
(unison) **God of all glory, by the guidance of a star you led Magi to worship the Christ Child. By the light of faith lead us to your glory in heaven. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.**

\*Processional Hymn

We Three Kings

1 We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3 Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5 Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

Passing the Peace

*(Let us pass the peace with a Covid-Friendly smile, wave or some other sign of  
Christ's love)*

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Special Music

"What Star Is This?", adapted by Michael Praetorius,  
arr. Lani Smith

Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Children's Sermon

Preparatory Hymn

Jesus the Light of the World W&S (3056)

1 See the bright and Morning Star,  
Jesus, the light of the world!  
He has risen in our hearts,  
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain:

Walk in the light, beautiful light.  
Come where his love and his mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night.  
Jesus, the Light of the World.

2 He's the lamp that lights our way,  
Jesus, the light of the world!  
Step by step and day by day —  
Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

3 No more darkness, no more night —  
Jesus, the light of the world!  
He will shine forever bright,  
Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

Video Meditation

The Fourth Wiseman

Sermon

What Kind of a Savior?

***We Respond***

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

***We are Sent***

Announcements

Closing Prayer

**(unison) Living God, When the Magi came to Jesus, you opened the way to peoples of all nations. When the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water you revealed him as your own beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name from every nation and tongue, may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and forever. Amen**

Blessing

1 O sing a song of Bethlehem,  
Of shepherds watching there,  
And of the news that came to them  
From angels in the air:  
The light that shone on Bethlehem  
Fills all the world today;  
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth  
The angels sing alway.

2 O sing a song of Nazareth,  
Of sunny days of joy,  
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,  
And of the sinless boy:  
For now the flow'rs of Nazareth  
In ev'ry heart may grow;  
Now spreads the fame of his dear name  
On all the winds that blow.

3 O sing a song of Galilee,  
Of lake and woods and hill,  
Of him who walked upon the sea  
And bade the waves be still:  
For though, like waves on Galilee,  
Dark seas of trouble roll,  
When faith has heard the Master's word,  
Falls peace upon the soul.

4 O sing a song of Calvary,  
alts glory and dismay;  
Of him who hung upon the tree,  
And took our sins away:  
For he who died on Calvary  
Is risen from the grave,  
And Christ, our Lord, by heav'n adored,  
Is mighty now to save.

Dismissal

Postlude "When the Morning Stars Sang Together", Gene Clarke

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*Grace goes LIVE!*

*Please know that today's service is being live-streamed for those who can not worship with us in person. **If you prefer NOT to be in the live stream video, please sit in pews behind the center pillars.***

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*The children's moment will be on camera as well.  
If you would like your child NOT to be on camera,  
please speak to our AV team or an usher.*

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*(Note: Communion and the offering will NOT be live-streamed for privacy reasons.)*

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***Todays Special Music was brought to you by our  
Quartet Performers!  
We appreciate you!***

# Grace UCC Updates



## THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

- Sunday 01/09:** 11:00 AM - Worship Service (Virtual)
- Monday 01/10:** 7:00 PM - Grace UCC Finance & Property Meeting
- Wednesday 01/12:** 7:00 PM - Grace Book Club (Zoom)
- Sunday 01/16:** 11:00 AM - Worship Service (Virtual)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Children's Church stopped during the height of the pandemic, but its time to restart it for kids grades 1-5. Videos, Music, Bible Lessons and snacks are a great way to spend time during the service. Kids leave after the children's moment and return for the closing hymn. Its about 25-30 minutes each week. We need YOU to help take turns leading this important ministry. It will hopefully not be more than once every 4-5 weeks. All the resources are



provided. Talk to Kelly or Pastor Rob to know more!

*(Personal Note: We are trying very hard to grow the children's ministry, but it can't happen without help. Please do consider being a part of this important ministry!)*





GRACE YOUTH GROUP SNOW TUBING ADVENTURE



On Monday, January 17th, (Martin Luther King Day) we will be going tubing at Liberty Mountain! All Youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us! Price is \$35 per person. Invite a friend to join us! RSVP to admin@grucc.com so we have enough tickets.

~~ Come Join us!



UCC WEBINARS:

Queerness & Disability: Showing up as our Full Selves

JAN 13, 2022 | 3:30PM - 4:30PM



To many members of both the LGBTQ+ and disability communities, the intersection between Queerness and Disability may not be obvious. But for people who identify as both queer and disabled, this particular intersectional identity can strongly inform their understandings of self, others, and God. Join queer, disabled members of the UCC Disabilities Ministries Board as they discuss invisible identities, self discovery, and living outside the box.

# Grace UCC (Virtual) Book Club

Every Wednesday at 7:00pm

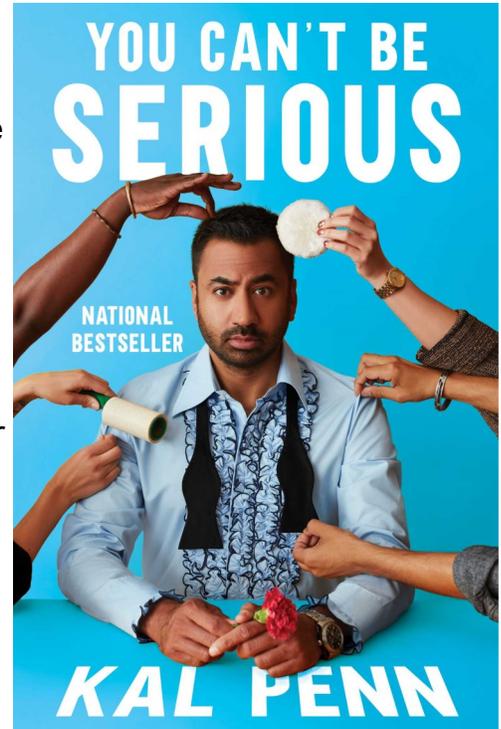


**Join us if you'd like to socialize, stretch your mind, or just leave the daily grind of life behind for a bit!**

## Message from Missy Moxley:

We finished our discussion on *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* last night. The group gave the book a rating of 4.25/5 with comments including, "Quality writing" and "loved the characters".

We will be starting our next selection, *"You Can't Be Serious"* by Kal Penn and reading through Chapter 5 (or up to pg 85 in the hardcover version). We hope to see you all next Wednesday, January 12 at 7pm for our first discussion. Below is a synopsis of the book-- Happy New Year to Everyone! May 2022 be a year full of good reads and good discussions with friends, old and new alike! Join us every Wednesday for Book Club!



*In this refreshingly candid memoir, Kal Penn, former White House staff member and star of the Harold and Kumar franchise, writes about heartbreak, success, and how to keep your head up. This is a series of stories that are somehow both ridiculous and heartfelt at the same time, and Kal's shocking honesty gets you through it all—how he rejected the advice of aunties, met his future husband, worked in the Obama administration, and so much more. Most of all, Kal shows that everyone can have more than one life story, no matter how awkward or funny you may have to be to get there.*

Below is the recurring Zoom link which is also on our church website, [grucc.com](http://grucc.com), and Facebook page.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89654486377?pwd=T1VGSWh2NFVkrRHhVVFk1cm1BUUppZz09>

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgist: N/A

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

Children's Church: N/A

Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship,  
please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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