

Epiphany — January 6, 2021 — Another Look

A time of Light.

A time of amazement.

A time of naming and claiming the “Aha” that is the gift of God to the world in Jesus.

The wise kings had no clue what they would find as they followed the star,

But we do...

We do.

Christ the Light to the nations... to the world... has come.

And yet, as we hold the gift of this day alongside what has unfolded before us in Washington D.C. and other locations — the violent protests, the breaching of police lines, the complete disorder around the Capitol, even the likely discovery of explosive devices — it is frightening ... *frightening* ... and perhaps in my naivete, unbelievable!

Who we are we? Whose are we? *Who have we become?*

Because we trust in the Light:

We pray for this nation and its peoples,

We pray for those seeking to maintain order amid unrest,

We pray for all places in this nation and world where the Light seems clouded by brokenness and evil.

Because we believe in the Light:

We hold our faith in Christ above party, state, nation — even family,

We raise our voices to say *no* to that which is *not-Christ*.

We follow His lead with actions of peace, justice, truth telling and grace.

Because we seek to reflect the Light:

We will lean into learning and living Beloved Community

We will not let our disagreements with others deny our shared humanity

We will remember — who and whose we are — *each day, in every way*

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult...

ISAIAH 60

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

2 For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

3 Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

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